

**A Registry of
The Southern New Jersey Descendants
of Peter Wright,
One of The First English Settlers of Oyster Bay, Long Island
Including
The Headley and Mathis Families, et al.,
of Little Egg Harbor Township and Tuckerton, New Jersey**

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PREFACE

It all started with a box of family history items that were given to me by my mother. I was fascinated to find that all my paternal grandmother's lines trace back to many of the first European settlers in America. I felt drawn to research the lines further, and then, ultimately, to document the findings in writing. This registry follows our lineage back to Peter Wright, an early English settler of Oyster Bay, Long Island. I also branched some of the lines outward, to include extended late family members. For privacy purposes, no living descendants are mentioned within this registry. I dedicate this registry to my mother, Vicki, for saving everything that she saved, and igniting a spark within me to research further, and to my children, Mike and Katie, who inspire me to be the best writer that I can be.

Yours truly,
Carla Welsh
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KEY:

b = born

d = died

m = married

m1 = 1st marriage

m2 = 2nd marriage

m3 = 3rd marriage

issue = children

the author = I, Carla, am the author, so I refer to myself as such, within this registry.

GUIDE:

Each descendant in this registry gets a number. Number 1 starts with Peter Wright. His children are numbered 2-11. The plus sign in front of a number indicates that I continued that child's line on within the registry, and so on, and so forth.

LINEAGE:

I am Carla Welsh, granddaughter of Edward Seitz and Helen Seitz (nee Headley).

I am the great-granddaughter of Elvern Bacon Headley and Ella Headley (nee Jeffries).

I am the 2nd great-granddaughter of Elwood T. Headley and Ellen "Nellie" Maria Headley (nee Bacon).

I am the 3rd great-granddaughter of John Mathis Headley and Phoebe Ann Headley Elbersen (nee Lamson).

I am the 4th great-granddaughter of John Headley and Mary Headley (nee Mathis).

I am the 5th great-granddaughter of Nehemiah Mathis and Elizabeth Mathis (nee Cramer/Crammer/Cranmer).

I am the 6th great-granddaughter of John Mathis/Mathews and Alice Higby/Higbee Mathis/Mathews (nee Andrews).

I am the 7th great-granddaughter of Mordecai Andrews and Mary ____.

I am the 8th great-granddaughter of Samuel Andrews and Mary Andrews (nee Wright).

I am the 9th great-granddaughter of Peter Wright and Alice Wright Crabb (nee ____).

THE REGISTRY

1. Peter Wright, son of Nicholas and Margareta Wright (nee Nelson), is said to have been born circa 1595, in Norfolk County, England.¹ Peter married Alice ____ on or before 1635 in England.² Alice's maiden name is not known. Peter and Alice are the author's 9th great-grandparents. It is said that in 1635, Peter left England with his two brothers, Anthony and Nicholas, and sailed to the New World.³ It is unknown to the author if Alice accompanied Peter and his brothers on this voyage, or if she arrived in America on a different ship, because the 1635 passenger list for the vessel *Thomas* has a female passenger named Alice Wright, age 21, without mention of Peter, or his brothers, and this may be her; however, the passenger list for this ship, and the lists for many other early ship arrivals, are said to be incomplete.⁴ Peter and his brothers are said to have first landed at Saugus, in the present day area of Lynn, Massachusetts, and then removed to Sandwich, Plymouth Colony, the oldest town on Cape Cod, Massachusetts.⁵ In 1653, Peter and two other men, the Reverend William Leverich and Samuel Mayo, bought land in Oyster Bay, in a purchase from an Indigenous American by the name of Asiapum aka Mohenes. This original first purchase deed, transcribed by George W. Cocks, in 1898, from the Town Clerk's records in Oyster Bay, states the land sold was in Oyster Bay, and it encompassed the areas from Oyster River in the east, to Papaquatunk River in the west, and all the islands in the area with the exception of Hog Island.⁶ Oyster Bay is now a part of Long Island, New York. Peter and Alice had 10 known children. They were a Quaker family in high standing with the Society of Friends. Some of their sons appear to have been prominent members of the community, and some of their daughters were well known Quaker activists, who were jailed for demonstrating their faith.⁷ Their children were: Adam, Elizabeth, Gideon, Lydia, Mordecai, Sarah, William, Job/Joab, Mary, and Hannah. Peter Wright's death date is not known, but he did die intestate, as that is mentioned in a land record dated 6 OCT 1685, which occurred years after his death.⁸ Peter was alive in 1660, as he is mentioned in an early town record book called *The Book of Purposes*, as laying down his right of meadow, but he was dead before 1663, because in the same town record book, Alice was mentioned as having land laid out for her, with her new married name, which was "Als Crab."⁹ Alice married Richard Crabb, as her 2nd husband, at an unknown date. A land record dated 11 FEB 1669, mentions that Alice

¹ Howland Delano Perrine, comp., *The Wright Family of Oyster Bay, L.I., With the Ancestry of and Descent from Peter Wright and Nicholas Wright, 1423-1923* (New York: n.p., 1923), (Reprint, Rutland: Tuttle Antiquarian Books, n.d.), 23-25, 47, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/337740-the-wright-family-of-oyster-bay-l-i-with-the-ancestry-of-and-descent-from-peter-wright-and-nicholas-wright-1423-1923> : accessed 5 JUL 2021).

² *Ibid.*, 47.

³ *Ibid.*, 47.

⁴ John Camden Hotten, ed., *The Original Lists of Persons of Quality; Emigrants; Religious Exiles; Political Rebels; Serving Men Sold for a Term of Years; Apprentices; Children Stolen; Maidens Pressed; and Others who Went From Great Britain to the American Plantations 1600-1700, with Their Ages, the Localities Where They Formerly Lived in the Mother Country, the Names of the Ships in Which They Embarked, and Other Interesting Particulars* (New York: G.A. Baker & Co., Inc., 1931), (Reprint, USA, n.p., n.d.), 126, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/510649-the-original-lists-of-persons-of-quality-emigrants-religious-exiles-political-rebels-serving-men-sold-for-a-term-of-years-apprentices-children-stolen-maidens-pressed-and-others-who-went-from-great-britain-to-the-american-plantations-1> : accessed 6 JUL 2021).

⁵ Perrine, *Wright Family of Oyster Bay*, 47.

⁶ George W. Cocks, et al., *Oyster Bay Town Records, Vol. 1, 1653-1690, With an Appendix Containing an Historical Sketch by George W. Cocks (Who Also Prepared Part of the Copy for this Volume in 1898 for the Oyster Bay Historical Society) and Various Important Documents* (New York: Tobias A. Wright, 1916), 670-671, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/763067-oyster-bay-town-records-1a> : accessed 5 JUL 2021).

⁷ Perrine, *Wright Family of Oyster Bay*, 47-55.

⁸ Cocks, et al., *Oyster Bay Town Records*, 315-316.

⁹ *Ibid.*, 2, 7.

Crabb, the wife of Richard Crabb, assigned land to her son, Adam Wright.¹⁰ Richard Crabb died in 1680, per his proved will.¹¹ Alice Wright Crabb (nee ____) wrote her will on the 22nd day, 2nd month, 1685, and died shortly after that date in 1685.¹² Alice died a wealthy woman, and she is mentioned in many of the earliest land records of Oyster Bay, Long Island. Regarding Peter Wright's ancestry, he is said to be a descendant of Charlemagne, Holy Roman Emperor and King of Franks. Charlemagne is said to be Peter's 29th great-grandfather.¹³ Charlemagne was born during the 8th century in an area which is now Germany. In fact, Peter is a descendant of many ancient families, including the Beaupre family of Norfolk County, England. Peter's great-grandmother was Anne Wright (nee de Beaupre), the wife of Nicholas Wright, and the daughter of Sir Edmund de Beaupre of Norfolk County, England.¹⁴

Peter Wright and Alice Wright Crabb (nee ____) had issue:

2. Adam Wright, m: Mary Dennis, had issue.
3. Elizabeth Wright, m: James Townsend, had issue.
4. Gideon Wright, m: Elizabeth Townsend, had issue.
5. Lydia Wright, m: Isaac Horner, had issue.
6. Mordecai Wright, baby died young.
7. Sarah Wright, married her 1st cousin, Edmund Wright, had issue.
8. William Wright, baby/child died young.
9. Job/Joab Wright, m: Rachel Townsend, had issue.
- +10. Mary Wright, m: Samuel Andrews, had issue.
11. Hannah Wright, never married, no issue.

10. Mary Wright, the daughter of Peter Wright and Alice Wright Crabb (nee ____), was born circa 1643, probably in Sandwich, the oldest town on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Mary's birth year is estimated to be 1643, because she married Samuel Andrews in 1663, and assuming she was 20 at the time she declared her marriage intention, she would have been born circa 1643. Her parents were living in Sandwich, Plymouth Colony, in 1643; thus, that would be Mary's assumed place of birth. Mary was quite outspoken, and strong in faith. As a Minister, she spoke out against the harsh treatment of Quakers by the Puritans. When Mary was about 18, she traveled to Boston to demonstrate against the hanging of Mary Dyer, a Quaker woman and young mother of six children, who was hanged in Boston Common in 1660. It is said that Mary Wright was suspected of witchcraft. She was put on trial and acquitted of witchcraft, but found guilty of Quakerism. She was jailed, and then banished from Boston (Perrine

¹⁰ Ibid., 106.

¹¹ "New York, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1659-1999," digital image s.v. "Richard Crab," *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8800/images/005518043_00255 : accessed 5 JUL 2021). Original data: New York County, District and Probate Courts, Record of Wills, 1665-1916; Index to Wills, 1662-1923 (New York County); Author: New York. Surrogate's Court (New York County); Probate Place: New York, New York, Wills, Vol 0001-0002, 1665-1699, 401.

¹² Perrine, *Wright Family of Oyster Bay*, 62-63; transcription and image of original will on aforesaid pages.

¹³ Aileen Lewers Langston, et al., *Pedigrees of Some of the Emperor Charlemagne's Descendants*, Vol. 2 (Cottonport: Polyanthos, Inc., 1974), 315-317, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/662317-pedigrees-of-some-of-the-emperor-charlemagne-s-descendants-v-02> : accessed 5 JUL 2021).

¹⁴ Walter Rye, ed., *The Visitation of Norfolk, Made and Taken by William Hervey, Clarenceux King of Arms, Anno 1563, Enlarged With Another Visitation Made by Clarenceux Cook, With Many Other Descents; and Also the Vissitation Made by John Raven, Richmond, Anno 1613* (London: n.p., 1891), 33-34, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/441063-the-visitation-of-norfolk-made-and-taken-by-william-hervey-clarenceux-king-of-arms-anno-1563-enlarged-with-another-visitation-sic-made-by-clarenceux-cook-with-many-other-descents-and-also-the-vissitation-sic-made-by-john-raven-anno> : accessed 5 JUL 2021).

1923, 47-50).¹⁵ On the 30th day, 8th month, 1663, Mary married Samuel Andrews, in Oyster Bay, Long Island.¹⁶ Just like Mary, Samuel was a prominent member of the Society of Friends, and he helped to build the first meeting house in Oyster Bay.¹⁷ Samuel and Mary lived in Long Island for quite some time, and then removed to Burlington County, New Jersey. In 1685, Mary's mother, Alice Wright Crabb (nee ____), died in Oyster Bay. Mary and Samuel are listed in her mother's will as "my daughter, Mary Andrews" and "my son-in-law, Samuall Andrews."¹⁸ Samuel Andrews wrote his will on 12 SEP 1693, and it was proved 10 NOV 1693.¹⁹ Samuel's will mentions Mary and their surviving children as "Edward, Mary, Mordica, Peeter, and Hester." Samuel was buried on the 19th day, 7th month, 1693, near his home in Mansfield, Burlington County, New Jersey.²⁰ Mary died at an unknown date after Samuel's death, probably also in Mansfield. Samuel and Mary Andrews (nee Wright) are the author's 8th great-grandparents.

Samuel and Mary Andrews (nee Wright) had issue:²¹

+12. Mordecai Andrews, m: Mary ____, had issue.

13. Peter Andrews, baby died young.

14. Peter Andrews, died as an adult, probably never married.

15. Esther/Hester Andrews, m: George Parker, issue unknown.

16. Hannah Andrews, died young.

17. Edward Andrews, m: Sarah Ong, had issue.

18. Jacob Andrews, child died young.

19. Mary Andrews, never married, no issue. Mary died a wealthy woman and is buried under the center aisle of the Christ Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.²²

¹⁵ Perrine, *Wright Family of Oyster Bay*, 47-50.

¹⁶ *Proceedings, Constitution, By-Laws, List of Members of the Surveyor's Association of West New Jersey. With Historical and Biographical Sketches Relating to New Jersey* (Camden: Order of the Society, 1880. Printer, S. Chew); article within by Leah Blackman, *History of Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, NJ, from its First Settlement to the Present Time, Comprising the Genealogy of Many of its Inhabitants, Together with Short Biographies of Eminent Characters, and Most Events Worthy of Remembrance*, 250, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/358985-proceedings-constitution-by-laws-list-of-members-etc-of-the-surveyors-association-of-west-new-jersey-with-historical-and-biographical-sketches-relating-to-new-jersey> : accessed 10 JUL 2021). Leah Blackman transcribed Samuel and Mary's marriage record, and she obtained it from the records of the New York Yearly Meeting of Friends.

¹⁷ Charles Carroll Gardner, comp., *The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, Vol. XXIV (Newark: Genealogical Society of New Jersey, 1949), 51-53, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C34L-7SLY-3> : accessed 6 JUL 2021). Information from an article within entitled "Andrews," by John P. Dorman.

¹⁸ Perrine, *Wright Family of Oyster Bay*, 62-63.

¹⁹ *New Jersey Archives, Abstracts of Wills, Vol. 1, 1670-1730* (n.p.: n.p., n.d.), 14, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/53727-new-jersey-archives-abstract-of-wills-1670-1730> : accessed 8 JUL 2021). The original will is at New Jersey State Archives.

²⁰ "U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935," digital image s.v. "Samuel Andrews," *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2189/images/31906_275406-00033 : accessed 6 JUL 2021). Original data: Chesterfield Monthly Meeting Minutes, 1682-1847.

²¹ *Proceedings, Constitution, By-Laws, List of Members of the Surveyor's Association of West New Jersey*, article by Blackman, *History of Little Egg Harbor*, 249.

²² Mary Andrews, entombment, Christ Episcopal Church and Churchyard, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, digital image s.v. "Mary Andrews," *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/31049054/mary-andrews> : accessed 7 JUL 2021).

12. Mordecai Andrews, the son of Samuel and Mary Andrews (nee Wright), was born on the 11th day, 6th month, 1664.²³ Mordecai was probably born in Oyster Bay, Long Island, but his parents were known to travel, so it is possible he could have been born in the present-day state of Massachusetts. Mordecai and his parents removed from Long Island to the Spring Hill area of Mansfield, Burlington County, New Jersey, circa 1686.²⁴ Spring Hill was in the area of Crafts Creek.²⁵ On 15 MAR 1689, Mordecai was conveyed 140 acres of land in a deed of gift from his father, Samuel Andrews, in the Province of West New Jersey.²⁶ Mordecai married Mary ____ on 14 JUL 1691.²⁷ Mary's maiden name is unknown, but she was rumored to be of French origin. Mordecai and Mary are the author's 7th great-grandparents. They were Quakers, and had 5 known children: Alice, Edith, Mary, Mordecai, and an unnamed child that died young. Mordecai served as constable of Mansfield Township, Burlington County, New Jersey, for a term of one year, then removed to Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, New Jersey, which is now a part of Ocean County, New Jersey. Mordecai and his brother, Edward, were rumored to have lived in caves there, while they built their new homes. Early Quaker settlers commonly built primitive underground shelters to live in, which they referred to as "caves." This has created great confusion, because when one hears the word "cave," one thinks of a natural rock grotto, but what the Quakers built were actually man-made dwellings dug into the dirt, usually into the sides of steep hills or river bluffs. The part that was above-ground would be covered with sod, sticks, and leaves, but most of it would be underground. Not too far away in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, these primitive structures were becoming quite the nuisance, and were being used as brothels and for places to over-indulge in liquor, so William Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania, ordered everyone in the Philadelphia region out of the "caves."²⁸ In the area of present day Springfield, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, an early Quaker settler by the name of Jane Lownes lived in a "cave," while her sons worked to build a bigger and better home. The story of Jane's "cave" might just be the most well-known story of all the Quaker cave-homes, but it has become so misconstrued, that many people think her dwelling was a natural rock formation, when it was not; simply, it was just a man-made primitive shelter that was dug into the ground.²⁹ In Little Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, Mordecai's lands were on the west side of the present day Tuckerton Creek, and his brother Edward's lands were on the east side. Both brothers owned a considerable amount of land. At the time of Mordecai's death, he owned roughly 900 acres of land. Amongst Mordecai's land purchases, was a purchase of 430 acres of land from William Biddle, but the deed was destroyed in a fire that burnt down Mordecai's home, so confirmation of the destroyed

²³ "U.S., Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, Vol I–VI, 1607-1943," digital image s.v. "Mordica Andrews," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/3753/images/quakergenvoliii-002607> : accessed 7 JUL 2021). Original data: Hinshaw, William Wade, et al., comps., *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy*, 6 vols. 1936–1950 (Reprint, Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1991–1994), (Hinshaw, William Wade. Marshall, Thomas Worth, comp. *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy*. Supplement to Volume 1. Washington, D.C.: n.p. 1948) < see Vol. 3, p. 19, taken from the New York Monthly Meeting Records.

²⁴ Gardner, *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, Vol. XXIV; article by Dornan, 52.

²⁵ *Ibid.*

²⁶ West Jersey, Province of New Jersey, Deed Book B:335, Andrews to Andrews, 15 MAR 1689, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007901116> : accessed 30 MAR 2021), DGS #7901116, image 276.

²⁷ *Proceedings, Constitution, By-Laws, List of Members of the Surveyor's Association of West New Jersey*, article by Blackman, *History of Little Egg Harbor*, 251. Leah Blackman obtained the marriage date from the Monmouth County Town Clerk's office at Freehold, New Jersey.

²⁸ William Henry Egle, ed., *Minutes of the Board of Property of the Province of Pennsylvania*, Vol. 1 (Harrisburg: E.K. Meyers, 1893), 10-20, digital images, *FamilySearch.org*, (<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/100595-minutes-of-the-board-of-property-of-the-province-of-pennsylvania> : accessed 1 JUL 2021).

²⁹ Carla Welsh. "Jane Lownes, One of the First Caucasian Settlers of Springfield Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania (now Delaware County), and Her Cave Dwelling in Which She Called Home." *Archive.org* (<https://archive.org/details/jane-lownes-cave-story/mode/2up> : accessed 24 DEC 2021). This was accessioned into the Historical Society of Pennsylvania's collection; Call Number: Fa 929.2 L954w 2021.

deed was made 20 JUN 1709.³⁰ Mordecai's home is said to have originally been built in 1699, and after the fire, it was rebuilt around the remaining fireplace. His home still stands today, and it is known as the Andrews-Bartlett House. The home is currently in possession of Tuckerton Seaport. An abstract of the deed, transcribed by the author, is as follows:

This Indenture made the 20th day of June, Anno Dom 1709, between William Bedle of the County of Burlington and Province of West New Jersey, Gent. of the one part, and Mordecai Andrews of Little Egg Harbour, in the said County and Province of the other part, whereas the said William Bedle having formerly sold to the said Mordecai Andrews the Land and Plantation whereon he the said Mordecai now dwells and accordingly conveyed it to the said Mordecai by a Deed of Bargaine and Sale, but the said Mordecai Andrews having had his house accidentally burned, wherein the said deed was also consumed by fier, and the said deed not being recorded, he the said Mordecai has no written Ordence to prove a Right to his said Plantation. Therefore, now witnesseth these presents that the said William Bedle for and in consideration of the sum of 70 pounds, currant money of the said Province, which the said William doth hereby acknowledge to have Recorded, and from the said Mordecai whereof he does hereby acquit and discharge the said Mordecai, his heirs, Executor, Administrators, and every of them by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, ____, and confirm unto the said Mordecai Andrews and his heirs and assigns 430 ackers of land lying at or near ye Little Egg Harbour, being the land whereon the said Mordecai Andrews now dwells. Beginning at a pine for a corner by a brook bounding his former survey and runs thence Northeast ____ a point North 92 chaines ye Samuelle Jennings corner, by whose line runs Southeast ____ a poynt South, cross the brook called Jennings, his brook, from an Indian fishing place to the bog, then along the bay unto the mouth of the said Jennings his brook, and ye is the same his first named brook...

Signed: William Biddle

Witnesses: Wm. Biddle, Jr., John Hancock, Daniel Leeds

Recorded: 20 JUN 1711

Mordecai wrote his will on the 10th day, 6th month, 1721.³¹ The will states Mordecai was of Little Egg Harbor, Yeoman, and upon his death, the estate was to go to his wife, Mary, except 6 shillings to each of his married daughters, listed as "Alice Mathews, Edith Allen, and Mary Cramer." After wife Mary's death, the lands were to go to their son, Mordecai Andrews, Jr. Inventory was taken 19 JUN 1736; thus, Mordecai died shortly before 19 JUN 1736, in Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, New Jersey. Jacob Andrews was the appraiser who took inventory of Mordecai's belongings.³² Jacob was Mordecai's brother Edward's son. Mordecai's belongings were appraised using the old British currency of pounds, shillings, and pence. The will was probated 4 NOV 1736. Transcription of the inventory, by the author, is as follows:

To purse and aperil [apparel] - 12.0.0

To catel [cattle] - 24.15.0

To sheep - 1.15.0

To 2 horses - 10.0.0

To hooges [hogs] - 2.15.0

To new cloth - 2.6.0

To 1 dbead [bed] - 2.0.0

³⁰ West Jersey, Province of New Jersey, Deed Book AAA:350, Bedle to Andrews, 20 JUN 1709, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007901117> : accessed 31 MAR 2021), DGS #7901117, image 191.

³¹ Burlington County, New Jersey, Record of Wills: 2883-2888C, Mordecai Andrews, Will & Inv. 1736, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/005650709> : accessed 25 MAR 2021), DGS #5650709, images 154-157.

³² *Ibid.*

To Sheepswool - 0.12.0
To puter [pewter] - 1.15.0
To trenchers - 0.9.0
To glass botels [bottles] - 0.1.6
To Earthen and tin - 0.2.0
To iron pots and ___ fring pan [frying pan] - 1.6.0
To pails ___ scimmer ___ fork - 1.0.0
To chests, boxes, and tabels [tables] - 1.10.0
To sadel, sadel bages [saddle and saddle bags] - 1.15.0
To leather - 0.10.0
To carpentry tules [tools] - 3.3.0
To Saling axes, beatle, wedges, ___ - 1.3.0
To chains - 0.16.0
To hors goarg [horse ___] - 0.15.0
To pith forks, weeding, hoo [pitch forks, hoe] - 0.10.0
To plows, irons, and wagine ___ irons [wagon] - 10.10.0
To ___ curing knife - 0.2.0
To a gun - 1.15.0
To a Servent man [Servant] - 10.0.0
To ___ sithe and sith tacklin [scythe] - 0.8.0
To old comber - 0.14.0
Total = £103.6.6

The above is the true and perfect Inventory of the Goods and Chattels of Mordecai Andrews, late, of Little Egg Harbour, in the County of Burlington, Yeoman, deceased, taken and appraised by us whose names are hereto about the 19th of June 1736.

Signed: Jacob Andrews

Mordecai's wife, Mary, died at an unknown date after Mordecai's death. Of note, in Leah Blackman's *History of Little Egg Harbor Township*, she mistakenly thought that Mordecai and Mary's daughter, Alice Higby/Higbee Mathis/Mathews (nee Andrews), was the daughter of Mordecai's brother, Edward Andrews, because she did not have access to Mordecai's will.³³ Mordecai's will proves that Alice Higby/Higbee Mathis/Mathews (nee Andrews) is Mordecai's daughter.

Mordecai and Mary Andrews (nee ___) had issue:

+20. Alice Andrews, m1: John Higby/Higbee, had issue; m2: the "Great" John Mathis/Mathews, had issue.

21. Edith Andrews, m: Robert Allen, had issue.

22. Mary Andrews, m: John Cramer/Crammer/Cranmer, the son of William Cramer/Crammer/Cranmer and Rachel ___, no issue, as she died shortly after marriage. After Mary's death, John married Rebecca Stout, as his second wife, had issue, and their daughter, Elizabeth Cramer/Crammer/Cranmer, married Nehemiah Mathis, the son of Mary's sister Alice and 2nd husband, the "Great" John Mathis/Mathews.

23. Mordecai Andrews, m: Mary Taylor, had issue.

24. ___ Andrews, child died young.

20. Alice Andrews, daughter of Mordecai and Mary Andrews (nee ___), was probably born circa May or June of 1692, based upon the assumption that she was 20 when she married her first husband, John Higby/Higbee, in the latter part of 1712, and based upon her parent's marriage date of 14 JUL 1691. Alice was probably born in

³³ *Proceedings, Constitution, By-Laws, List of Members of the Surveyor's Association of West New Jersey*, article by Blackman, *History of Little Egg Harbor*, 308-309.

Mansfield, Burlington County, New Jersey, because her parents did not remove to Little Egg Harbor Township until about 1699. Based upon the aforementioned calculations, Alice would have been the first child born unto her parents, and the eldest of her siblings. Alice was said to be a tall, muscular woman, with black hair and eyes, and a strong-minded personality (Blackman 1880, 308-309).³⁴ Many of the descendants in this registry share those same features and attributes, which may have been inherited through Alice. In 1712, Alice and her first husband, John Higby/Higbee, declared their marriage intentions to one another at the Chesterfield Friends Meeting House.³⁵ Chesterfield Friends Meeting House is now called Crosswicks Friends Meeting House, and it is located on present day Front Street, Crosswicks, Burlington County, New Jersey. A transcription of the marriage record, by the author, is as follows:

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at their Meeting House in Chesterfield, the 2nd day of the 8th month, 1712: John Higby and Alice Andrews, daughter of Mordeca Andrews, declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage. This meeting appoints Edward Andrews and Jacob Ong to inquire concerning his clearness from all others on that account and give account to our next monthly meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at their Meeting House in Chesterfield, the 6th day of the 9th month, 1712: John Higby and Alice Andrews the second time declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage and inquiry having been made as usual nothing appearing but that they are clear from all others on that account having consent of parents and relations concerned they have liberty to accomplish their Marriage according to the good order of Friends.

With her first husband, John Higby/Higbee, Alice Andrews had issue:

25. Abigail Higbee, m: Robert Leeds, had issue.

26. Edward Higbee, m1: Jemima Risley, the daughter of Richard and Hester Risley (nee Covenhoven), had issue; m2: Sarah Leeds, no issue. Edward's first wife, Jemima, was a great-granddaughter of Richard Risley, one of the founders of Hartford, Connecticut. It is said that Enoch "Nucky" Lewis Johnson, whose life was portrayed in HBO's hit series *Boardwalk Empire*, is a descendant of Edward and first wife, Jemima. It appears Nucky would be Edward and Jemima's 3rd great-grandson. Nucky was a well-known Atlantic City political boss during Prohibition.

John Higby/Higbee died after he wrote his will on the 17th day, 10th month [DEC], 1715, and before inventory was taken of his belongings on 11 JAN 1716, in Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, New Jersey. His will was proved 5 NOV 1716.³⁶ John Higby/Higbee's will mentions Alice and their 2 children, Edward and Abigail. About a year after John Higby/Higbee died, Alice married her second husband, the "Great" John Mathis/Mathews. They likely were married in January of 1717, because their first child, Micajah Mathis, was born on the 9th day, 9th month, 1717, and it would make sense for Alice to wait at least a year before remarrying. John's surname was originally "Mathews," but he changed it to "Mathis," because he thought it was an easier name to mark and declare. The appendage of "Great" was affixed before the names of accomplished gentlemen on legal documents, and John certainly went on to achieve that title; thus, one will often hear of John referred to as the "Great" John Mathis (Blackman 1880, 308).³⁷ Alice Higby/Higbee Mathis/Mathews (nee Andrews) and the "Great" John Mathis/Mathews are the author's 6th great-grandparents.

³⁴ Ibid.

³⁵ "U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935," digital images s.v. "John Higby," *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2189/images/40525_1821100519_2219-00126 : accessed 7 JUL 2021). Original Data: *Book of Records, 1684-1756*, 119-120, Chesterfield Monthly Meeting, Burlington, New Jersey; Haverford College; Haverford, Pennsylvania; Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Minutes.

³⁶ *New Jersey Archives, Abstract of Wills, Vol. 1, 1670-1730* (n.p.: n.p., n.d.), 226, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/53727-new-jersey-archives-abstract-of-wills-1670-1730> : accessed 7 JUL 2021).

³⁷ *Proceedings, Constitution, By-Laws, List of Members of the Surveyor's Association of West New Jersey*, article by Blackman, *History of Little Egg Harbor*, 308.

With her 2nd husband, the “Great” John Mathis/Mathews, Alice Higby/Higbee Mathis/Mathews (nee Andrews) had issue:

27. Micajah Mathis, m: Mercy Shreve, had issue.
28. Job Mathis, m: Phoebe Leek, had issue.
29. Sarah Mathis, married twice: John Leeds, had issue; and Marmaduke Coate, had issue.
30. Daniel Mathis, m: Sophia Gauntt, had issue.
31. Jeremiah Mathis, m: Hannah Andrews, had issue.
- +32. Nehemiah Mathis, m: Elizabeth Cramer/Crammer/Cranmer, had issue.
33. Eli Mathis, m: Phoebe Devinney, had issue.

Regarding Alice’s 2nd husband, the “Great” John Mathis/Mathews, he was born circa 1690 in either England or Wales (Blackman 1880, 307).³⁸ As a young man, John sailed to the New World with his brother, Charles, and took up residence in Oyster Bay, Long Island (Blackman 1880, 307).³⁹ Shortly thereafter, John removed to New Jersey, and went on to eventually settle in Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, New Jersey. John became a successful land proprietor. It is unknown how many acres of land John owned, but looking at land transactions, it was over a few thousand acres. John’s lands were primitive and had to be cleared and developed; thus, it is said he was a slaveholder, and his enslaved cleared his lands.⁴⁰ John served as a Justice of the Peace for Little Egg Harbor Township. The author does not know how long John served in that position, but he was referred to as “John Matthis, Esquire,” in a deed of gift dated 25 SEP 1766, to his grandsons “Hezekiah, John, Job, and Eli Matthis, the sons of Jeremiah Matthis, deceased.”⁴¹ The “Great” John Mathis/Mathews has been rumored to have funded the American Revolution, but to date, no legal documentation has been found to support this claim. In 1880, Leah Blackman, author of *History of Little Egg Harbor Township*, wrote the only basic genealogy for the area. Leah was John and Alice’s 2nd great-granddaughter. She wrote, “...during the Revolutionary War, John loaned the government a considerable sum of money, but when pay day came the government had nothing to pay with except Continental paper, which was next to no pay. The lender was compelled to take large packages of the worthless scrip, which was preserved in the Mathis family for some generations, but at this time it is nearly all destroyed” (Blackman 1880, 310).⁴² Over the years, many Mathis descendants have joined the National Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution (SAR/DAR), a lineage-based society, based upon what Leah wrote in her book. A new rule has been adopted that genealogical books are no longer to be used as proofs; thus, the author was told that SAR is no longer accepting the “Great” John Mathis/Mathews as someone who helped America gain its independence, and DAR may eventually follow suit, as well. In the author’s more immediate family, it was passed down that the author’s 2nd great-grandfather, Elwood Headley, ended up with some of the Continental paper, and his children used to sneak and use the notes as play money, unbeknownst to him, but it was destroyed when his house caught on fire. Another descendant, Ronald Charles Headley, claims an identical story. Within the Vernon Headley Family Records, Collection Box 12-A, at the Atlantic County Historical Society, is a letter written by Ronald Charles Headley, dated 12 MAY 1992, and he wrote, “...the Great John Mathis was possibly one of the most prominent, wealthy men of Revolutionary times. He apparently helped finance Washington’s Continental Army in exchange for promissory notes bearing George Washington’s signature. Those promissory notes, found in an attic trunk during my own

³⁸ Ibid., 307. Leah Blackman thought John Mathis/Mathews was born in England, but other researchers say he was born in Wales.

³⁹ Ibid.

⁴⁰ Ibid., 309.

⁴¹ Gloucester Co., NJ, Record of Deeds, Vol. C, 1728-1779:146-148, Mathis to Mathis, et al., 25 SEP 1766, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007901130> : accessed 8 FEB 2021), DGS #7901130, images 547-548.

⁴² *Proceedings, Constitution, By-Laws, List of Members of the Surveyor’s Association of West New Jersey*, article by Blackman, *History of Little Egg Harbor*, 310.

father's boyhood back in 1910, were no more than play money to him and his many brothers and sisters. My father once told me that what was left of that play money was destroyed by a house fire." Based upon what Leah Blackman wrote, and what Ronald Charles Headley wrote, and what was passed down orally within the author's immediate family, the author believes that the "Great" John Mathis did indeed help fund the Revolution, but unfortunately, there is no actual surviving legal documentation to prove it. The "Great" John Mathis/Mathews died on the 2nd day, 10th month, 1779, about the age of 88 years old, in Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, New Jersey.⁴³ John wrote his will 26 NOV 1776.⁴⁴ His will was proved 23 OCT 1779.⁴⁵ In John's will, he does state that he bequeathed all bonds, bills, and debts, to his son, Micajah Mathis, and these may have been war bonds and debt certificates, known as bills of credit, for funding the Revolution. Additionally, when John's son Micajah Mathis died in 1804, the inventory taken after Micajah's death states he owned bonds and notes valued at \$2,877.55.⁴⁶ Some of those notes may have been war bonds or bills of credit that John bequeathed to Micajah; however, Micajah is rumored to have also helped to fund the Revolution, too. The author has transcribed the "Great" John Mathis/Mathews' will, and it is as follows:

I, John Mathis, of Little Egg harbour, in the County of Burlington, In Wes New Jersey, yeoman, Being of sound and perfect disposing mind and memory, thanks be to Almighty God therefore as for all other his mercies. Calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that It is appointed for all men once to Die. I do make and Ordain this my Last Will and testament, that is to say. Imprimes, It is my will and I do hereby order that all my Just Debts and funeral charges be well and truly paid and satisfied by my Executors hereinafter named.

Item, I Give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Ailce Mathis, a good Decent and Sefficent support and maintainence to be provided Done and performed by my Son Micajah Mathis During the term of her natural Life. In Consideration of the Estate hereinafter Devised unto him and that in lue of her Dowery.

Item, I Give and bequeath unto my Son Micajah Mathis all my whole Estate, Real and Personal, bonds, bills, Debts, Dues, and Demands whatsoever to Enable him the said Micajah Mathis to pay the Legesis following.

Item, I Give and bequeath Unto my Daughter, Sarah Leeds, wife of John Leeds, the sum of fifty pound.

Item, I Give and bequeath unto my Son, Nehemiah Mathis, the sum of one hundred pounds.

Item, I Give unto my Son Jeremiah Children four Sons to Each of them ten pounds a peace and Elezabath and mary five pounds Each.

Item, I Give unto my Son, Eli, the Sum of five shillings, he having had a Reasonable part of my Estate already.

And Item, I Give my Son, Daniel, the Sum of five shilling, he having had a Reasonable part.

Item, I Give to my Son, Job, the Sum of five Shillings, he having had a Reasonable part of my Estate Allready.

And I Do hereby Constitute, make, and Ordain my beloved wife, Ailce Mathis, Excutore, and my beloved Son Son, Micajah Mathis, Executor of this my Last will and Testament hereby Ratifying, Allowing, and Confirming this and No other to be my Last will and Testament.

⁴³ John's death date was found in Leah Blackman's notebook, and it is said she got that from a family bible. For transcription of Leah's notebook, see: "Leah Blackman's Writings," digital images, *BassRiverHistory.org* (<http://www.bassriverhistory.org/uploads/6/8/7/1/6871754/slavery.pdf> : accessed 17 APR 2021), maintained by Peter H. Stemmer and jointly supported by The Great John Mathis Foundation and the History Committee of the Bass River Library < click "History Resources" < click "Leah Blackman's Writings" < click "Slavery in Bass River."

⁴⁴ Burlington Co., NJ, Record of Wills, File #10713C, John Mathis, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/005646208> : accessed 9 APR 2021), DGS #5646208, images 272-273.

⁴⁵ A. Van Doren Honeyman, ed., *Documents Relating to the Colonial and Revolutionary History of the State of New Jersey* (Trenton: MacCrellish & Quigley Co., 1931), XXXIV:339, digital images, *BabelHathiTrust.org* (<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015028562166&view=1up&seq=1&skin=2019> : accessed 15 JUL 2021).

⁴⁶ Burlington Co., NJ, Record of Wills, File #12179C, Micajah Mathis, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/005646220> : 9 APR 2021), DGS #5646220, images 289-296.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seal, the twenty Six Day of november, In the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and Seventy six.

Signed: John Mathis (John signed his name as to what looks like a dollar sign, but it was probably an “S” with a lowercase “L” running through it, for “Locus Sigilli,” which is Latin for “place of the seal”)

Signed, Sealed, published and Declared by the Said John Mathis as his Last Will and Testament, In the presents of us: William Grant, Caleb Cramer, John Platt.

Of note, descendants of Eli Mathis, one of the sons of the “Great” John Mathis/Mathews and Alice Higby/Higbee Mathis/Mathews (nee Andrews), are able to join both SAR and DAR, because Eli served on the Burlington County Committee of Observation during the war, and he suffered damages to his property. The author has transcribed the inventory taken of Eli Mathis’s damages, and it is as follows:⁴⁷

Inventory of Goods and Effects of Eli Mathis, Plundered, Burnt, and Destroyed by the Troops of the British Army, 5 OCT 1778:

1 Dwelling House 26 by 28 feet, 2 stories high, well finished. 1 Kitchen 20 by 18 feet, 1 story high.

1 New Barn, 35 by 25 feet, well finished.

1 other barn, 30 by 20 feet.

1 Corn House.

1 Outhouse.

1 Log Barn.

1 Log Stable.

1 Blacksmith’s Shop and Tools.

28 tons fresh Hay, 50 tons Salt Hay.

4 Loads Corn Tops, 100 Bushels Rye.

100 Loads Flax, 40 Loads Hemp, 1 fishing ____.

200 Ceedar Rails, 12 Large Hogs, 10 small ____.

2 young cattle, 8 dozen fowls, 6 bedsteads and ____.

12 chairs, 1 large cupboard, 6 pots and kettles.

1 Barrel Glassware and quantity Earthenware.

Damage done to Saltworks and some wooden ware.

Total: £587.3.8

Joseph Addams, being sworn deponeth, that he was taken prisoner by the British Troops, and was taken by them to the House of Eli Mathis, the above sufferer, and saw the said Troops Burn the Several Buildings mentioned in the above Inventory, and also the Hay, and saw them Kill a number of the Hogs therein contained, and from the Great Destruction of Property which they committed and for other reasons does believe that the whole containing said Inventory was Plundered, Burnt, and Destroyed by the aforesaid Troops.

Signed: Joseph Addams

Alice Higby/Higbee Mathis/Mathews (nee Andrews) died at an unknown date after the “Great” John Mathis/Mathews’ will was proved on 23 OCT 1779. John and Alice are buried in the Friends Graveyard, Little Egg Harbor Friends Meeting House, Tuckerton, Ocean County, New Jersey.⁴⁸ The graveyard is just to the east of the Pohatcong Lake, with East Main Street to the north, and North Green Street to the east.

⁴⁷ “Damages in New Jersey by the British and Americans, 1776-1782,” digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/008135459> : accessed 11 APR 2021), DGS #8135459, image 263.

⁴⁸ *Proceedings, Constitution, By-Laws, List of Members of the Surveyor’s Association of West New Jersey*, article by Blackman, *History of Little Egg Harbor*, 206-208.

32. Nehemiah Mathis, son of the “Great” John Mathis/Mathews and Alice Higby/Higbee Mathis/Mathews (nee Andrews), was born on the 13th day, 6th month, 1728, in New Jersey.⁴⁹ Nehemiah married Elizabeth Cramer/Crammer/Cranmer, the daughter of John and Rebecca Cramer/Crammer/Cranmer (nee Stout). Nehemiah and Elizabeth’s marriage date is not known to the author. Nehemiah and Elizabeth are the author’s 5th great-grandparents. The author shares numerous DNA matches to Nehemiah and Elizabeth, amongst several of their children’s lines. Regarding Elizabeth, the wife of Nehemiah, her birth and death dates are not known. There is virtually no record of Elizabeth, other than what her daughter, Mary Headley (nee Mathis), told to author Leah Blackman, who wrote *History of Little Egg Harbor Township*.⁵⁰ Elizabeth’s family’s surname can be found spelled with multiple derivatives, such as Cramer, Crammer, and Cranmer. Elizabeth’s mother, Rebecca Cramer/Crammer/Cranmer (nee Stout), is said to be a descendant of Richard Stout, who is known for his involvement with the Monmouth Patent; however, to date, Rebecca’s father has never been proven, so it is unknown how she connects back to Richard Stout. Elizabeth’s father, John Cramer/Crammer/Cranmer, was born circa 1696 in Elizabethtown, New Jersey, and died shortly before inventory was taken of his estate on 14 APR 1760, in Northampton, Burlington County, New Jersey.⁵¹ He was a carpenter and helped to build the Little Egg Harbor Meeting House in 1715 (Methot 1995, 26).⁵² The following is a transcription (by the author) of the inventory taken of Elizabeth’s father’s belongings, after his death in 1760:

A True Inventory of All ye goods, Rights, and Credits of John Crammer, taken at his late dwelling House, in Northampton, In ye County of burlington, and Western Division of the province of New Jersey, and appraised By us the Subscribers, this 14th Day of april, anno Domini 1760:

To Cash...£1.2.3

To waring apparil [wearing apparel]...£6.5.6

To a Riding hors [horse]...£10.0.0

To beds and bedding [bedding]...£10.0.0

To Drawers and Chairs...£4.5.0

To pots and Dough trough and kitchin ____ ...£2.4.0

To Rye oats and Sundries...£6.13.0

To pork and bacon and Sundries in the seller...£5.0.0

To Injin [Indian] Corn in the Crib and Sundries outdoors...£4.14.0

To fifteen swine...£6.0.0

To one hors and hay...£9.17.0

To Cattle and Sheep...£23.12.0

To Rye wheat in the ground...£3.10.0

To pork sold to John Clark and Zacariah Rosil...£14.19.3

To a Debt Due from Daniel Kindal...£6.0.0

Total = £111.2.2

Appraised By us: Thomas Budd, George Briggs

Nehemiah and Elizabeth Mathis (nee Cramer/Crammer/Cranmer) lived in Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, New Jersey, and raised their 13 children there. Nehemiah and Elizabeth had issue.⁵³

⁴⁹ Ibid., 309.

⁵⁰ Ibid., 319.

⁵¹ Burlington Co., NJ, File #6619C-6623C, 1760 Inv. of John Crammer. “Record of wills 1C-21920C, 1688-1900,” digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/005650713> : accessed 16 APR 2021), DGS #5650713, images 59-61.

⁵² June Methot, *Blackman Revisited* (Toms River: Ocean County Historical Society, 1995), 26.

⁵³ *Proceedings, Constitution, By-Laws, List of Members of the Surveyor’s Association of West New Jersey*, article by Blackman, *History of Little Egg Harbor*, 319-321.

34. Alice Mathis.
35. John Mathis, married twice: ____Carter and ____Baremore; issue unknown.
36. Phebe Mathis, died unmarried.
37. Sophia Mathis, m: William Wooley, had issue.
38. Job Mathis, m: Sarah Cossaboom, had issue.
39. Nehemiah Mathis, Jr., m: Susan Peterson, had issue.
40. Ziba Mathis, m1: Elizabeth Cramer/Crammer/Cranmer (his cousin), had issue; m2: Mary Gifford, had issue.
41. Elizabeth Mathis, m: William Weatherby, had issue.
42. Hannah Mathis, m: John Rockhill, had issue.
43. Sarah Mathis, m: James Roger, had issue.
44. Nancy Mathis, m: John Mathis (a distant relative); issue unknown.
45. Rebecca Mathis, m: Jacob Headley, probable brother of John Headley, had issue.
- +46. Mary Mathis, m: John Headley, probable brother of Jacob Headley, had issue.

The exact location of Nehemiah's plantation in Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, New Jersey, is not known to the author. Deeds involving Nehemiah often mention names of old places that appear to no longer exist, such as Pepperidge Swamp, Buffin's Swamp, Ives Creek, and Calf Island. Buffin's Swamp was probably named after Michael Buffin, an early settler of the area. It appears that Nehemiah owned a few hundred acres of land. Nehemiah must have been fairly well-off, but in 1786, Nehemiah, Nehemiah, Jr., and Job Mathis, Jr., cut down 166 and $\frac{2}{3}$ cedar trees from his brother Micajah Mathis's property, and they were ordered to pay Micajah 500 pounds in damages. This put Nehemiah, Nehemiah, Jr., and Job, Jr., in a place of debt, and it is unknown if that debt was ever paid off. Nehemiah died after 3 SEP 1799, which is the last trace of him alive, because on that date, he conveyed all his land to his 4 sons. It appears the 3 SEP 1799 deed was never recorded, but it is mentioned in an 1803 resurvey after Nehemiah's death. Nehemiah and wife Elizabeth's final resting spots are said to be in the Little Egg Harbor Friends Burial Ground in present day Tuckerton, Ocean County, New Jersey.⁵⁴ The author has transcribed various documents involving Nehemiah, and they are as follows:

*3 MAY 1768: Deed of Gift from the "Great" John Mathis/Mathews to his son, Nehemiah Mathis:*⁵⁵

John Mathis to Nehemiah Mathis

Recorded: 24 OCT 1791

This Indenture made this third day of May in the year of Our Lord, 1768, By and between John Mathis of the Township of Little Egg harbour, in the County of Burlington, and Province of West New Jersey, Yeoman of the one part, and his son, Nehemiah Mathis, of the same place, County, and Province aforesaid of the other part, Yeoman, Wittnesseth that he the said John Mathis for and in consideration of five shillings in hand paid by the said Nehemiah Mathis before the ensealing hereof and for the natural affection that he the said John Mathis doth bare to the said Nehemiah Mathis doth grant, bargain, and sell alien ____, convey, and confirm to his son, Nehemiah Mathis, and to his heirs forever for his and their own proper use, benefit, and behove all that part that lyes between land that the said John Mathis has signed away to his son Job Mathis on one side and bounding to land that the said John Mathis has signed away to his four grandsons Hezekiah and John and Job and Eli Mathis on the other side, but more particular it begins at a pine tree in the line of land that the said John Mathis purchased of John Budd and also corner to land that the said John Mathis assigned to his son Job standing on the Calf Island and from thence it extends bounding by Job Mathis's line and crossing the Thorofare that leads from Bass River to Ives Creek to a post corner to Job Mathis that stands in the head of a small creek and from thence bounding down the said small creek to the mouth where it empties into Little Egg harbour River and from thence bounding down said river to the mouth of Ives Creek and from thence bound up the the Westerly side of said Ives Creek and crossing the mouth of the

⁵⁴ Ibid., 206-208.

⁵⁵ West Jersey Deed Book AP-AQ:324-326, Mathis to Mathis, 3 MAY 1768, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007901128> : accessed 30 MAR 2021), DGS #7901128, images 492-493.

aforesaid Thorofare to a post on the very point being a corner to the land that said John Matthis has already signed to his grandchildren Hezekiah, John and Job and Eli Mathis's and from thence bounding allong in their line or lines the several courses thereof to a pine being a corner to the land of said Hezekiah, John, and Job, and Eli Mathis's standing in the line of a Survey of Wm. Pancoast a little below an old bridge that crosses Pepperidge Swamp on the Westerly side and from thence bounding along in the line of land that the said John Mathis purchased of Samuel Pancoast South 46 degrees, West 72 chains, to an old line called Budd's line, and from thence bounding allong said Budd's line to the beginning pine tree on Calf Island enclosed in the bounds aforesaid containing by estimation 200 acres be the same more or less and also 2 other Surveys on tracts of land lying between the aforesaid Pepperidge Swamp and Buffin's Swamp and joyns at the head of the aforesaid 200 acres both Surveys containing about 90 acres of land, one of the Surveys contains 44 acres and is recorded in the Surveyor General's office at Burlington in Lib. BB, fol. 232. The other Survey contains between 40 and 50 acres, lyes ajoyning to the aforesaid forty and four so that in the whole 3 parcels of land contains 290 acres or thereabout, be the same more or less, which said 290 acres the said John Mathis purchased some part of the aforesaid 200 acres of John Budd and part of Samuel Pancoast the other 2 Surveys of the said John Mathis had surveyed and lequally ___ in the above said office at Burlington all which said 290 acres of land as above described the said John Mathis do the hereby sell to his son, Nehemiah Mathis, and to his heirs. Together with all the right, title, interest, property, possession whatsoever of him the said John Mathis or his heirs with all the appurtenances, privileges of fishing, fowling, hawking, hunting, with all and all manner of profits and advantages both in law and equity belonging to the said 290 acres of land and granted privileges and premises and every part thereof the said Nehemiah Mathis and to his heirs forever moreso that for the future neither the said John Mathis nor his heirs he or they shall not nor will not lay any claim, chancelling, or demand to any part thereof by shall and will forever Warrant and defend the said 290 acres to the said Nehemiah Mathis and to his heirs forever against himself and against his heirs and agains all other persons by his or their means or ___. In witeness whereof John Mathis parte to these presents hath hereunto interchangeable set his hand and affix his Seal, day and year first above written. 1768.

Signed: John Mathis

The words (and assigns) erased out before the signing hereof as it stands in the 9th line as it was objected by the Granter. Sign'd, Seal'd and deliver'd in the presence of us:

Signed: Jean Shreeve "her mark, J."

Signed: Marcy Mathis.

Signed: John Leek.

Be it remembered that on the 11th day of the 9th month, 1773, personally appear'd before me, Henry Paxson, one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, for the County of Burlington, John Mathews, Esquire, the Grantor to the within Indenture named, who acknowledged that he did Seal and deliver the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned. Taken and acknowledged before me on the above date.

Exam. and agrees with the orig.

Signed: Henry Paxson

Signed: Thos. Adams ___

22 AUG 1786: Bond of Nehemiah Mathis to his brother, Micajah Mathis, for the sum of 500 pounds.⁵⁶

Know all Men By these Presents that we Nehemiah Matthis, Job Matthis, Jr., and Nehemiah Matthis, Jr., of Little Egg Harbour, in the County of Burlington, in the western Division of New Jersey, are held and firmly bound jointly and severally unto Micajah Matthis of the same place in the just and full sum of 500 Pounds current lawful money of the place aforesaid to be paid unto him the said Micajah or to his heirs, Executors, administrators, or assigned for the which Payment will and truly to be paid we do hereby bind ourselves and our respective heirs, Executors, and Administrators jointly and severally sealed with our seals Dated this 22nd day of August, 1786. The Conditions of

⁵⁶ Burlington Co., NJ, Deed Book B:150-151, Matthis, et al., to Matthis, 22 AUG 1786, digital images, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSK7-P3CT-T> : accessed 25 JUL 2021), DGS #8139745, images 229-230.

the above obligation is such that if the above bound Nehemiah Matthis, Job Matthis, Jr., and Nehemiah Matthis, Jr., and their heirs, Executors, and Administrators shall and do well and truly stand to obey, abide, and Keep the award Arbitratment final End and Determination of John Leek, Joseph Biddle, and David Anderson, arbitrators indifferently Names elected and chosen as well on the Part and behalf of them the said Nehemiah Matthis, Job Matthis, Jr., Nehemiah Matthis, Jr., as of him the said Micajah Matthis to settle and determine of and concerning all manner of disputes Relative to the Bound acres of their Lands and damages done by cutting of Timber provided the award of said Arbitrators signed by them or any 2 of them to be made in writing and ready to be delivered to the said Parties on or before the 1st day of September next Ensuing the Date hereof that then the above obligation to be void of none Effect or otherwise to be and remain in full Force and Virtue.

Signed: Nehemiah Matthis, Job Matthis, Nehemiah Matthis, Jr.

Signed, Sealed, and delivered in the presence of: Amos Pharo, William Weatherby

Be it Remembered that on the 29th Day of Nov. 1788, Personally came and appeared before me, Ebenezer Tucker, Esquire, one of the Judges of the inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Burlington, Amos Pharo, Esquire, and on his Solemn Affirmation did declare and say that he saw Nehemiah Matthis, Sr., and Jr., and Job Matthis, Jr., the subscribers to the within bond, sign, seal, and as their Act and deed deliver the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and that the subscribed his name as a witness thereto in Testimony whereof I have set my hand.

Signed: Ebenezer Tucker

24 AUG 1786: Award assigned to Micajah Mathis involving Nehemiah Mathis:⁵⁷

To all Persons to whom these Presents may come or concern, Know ye that whereas Micajah Matthis of Little Egg Harbour, in the County of Burlington, and Western Division of New Jersey, of the one part, and Nehemiah Matthis, Job Matthis, Jr., and Nehemiah Matthis, Jr., of the same place of the other part, did enter into bonds Dated on or about the 22nd day of this Instant unto each other conditioned for them and their respective Heirs to stand to obey, abide, and keep the award and Determination of John Leek, Joseph Biddle, and David Anderson in regard to the Boundaries of their lands and also of damage done by cutting of Timber and the said Arbitrators having ___ viewed the Premises and heard the several allegations offered and due consideration therein had do order and determine that the Line of Partition between the Lands of said Parties shall begin at a Post in the line of Daniel Matthis' Land standing South 85 Degrees East 31 Chains from Oak Island Bridge, and from thence to run North 52 Degrees East as far as they have Lands adjoining each other and as to damage done by cutting of Timber we do judge and order that they the said Nehemiah Matthis, Sr., Job Matthis, Jr., and Nehemiah Mathis, Jr., all or either of them shall pay unto the said Micajah Matthis or to his heirs or assigns the Sum of Ten Shillings within one Month after the date hereof and pay all costs that have occurred in the Law on Account of any Action already brought against them or either of them as witness our hands this 24th day of August, Anno Domini 1786.

Signed: John Leek, Joseph Biddle, David Anderson

On the 29th day of January, 1789, Before me Ebenezer Tucker, one of the Judges of the inferior Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Burlington, Captain John Leek and being duly sworn According to Law did say that he signed, sealed, and delivered the within award together with Joseph Biddle and David Anderson to and for the use of the Holder Micajah Mathis for the use and purposes therein mentioned, In Testimony, whereof I have set my hand the date above written.

Signed: Ebenezer Tucker

NOV 1788: Micajah Mathis vs. Nehemiah Mathis, Sr., Nehemiah Mathis, Jr., Job Mathis, Jr.:⁵⁸

⁵⁷ Ibid., 24 AUG 1786, pp.152-153, images 230-231.

⁵⁸ Burlington Co., NJ, Common Pleas Court Papers, Matthis vs. Matthis, et al., 437-439, NOV Term 1788, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4X-2Y98> : accessed 26 APR 2021), DGS #7895994, images 473-476.

Burlington County Inferior Court of Common Pleas of November Term in the year of our Lord 1788. Nehemiah Matthis, Nehemiah Matthis, Jr., and Job Matthis were summoned to answer Micajah Matthis of a plea trial they order unto him 500 pounds lawfull money of New Jersey what to him they owe and from him unjustly detain and thereupon ye said Micajah Matthis by Joseph Read, his Attorney, saith that whereas in and by an Act of the Council and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey made and passed the 13th day of June in the year of our Lord 1783 entitled "An Act more effectively to prevent new waste of timber in this state and to repeal the former Act for that purpose." It and stands enacted, "that if any person or persons whatsoever shall at any time hereafter cut, sell, work up, carry away, boxbore or destroy any tree sapling or pole standing or lying on any land within this state to which said person or persons hath not or have not any right and title without leave first had and obtained of ye owner or owners of new said land for near purpose every said person and persons so offending shall forfeit and pay for each tree sapling or pole so cut, filled, worked up, carried away, boxed, bored, or destroyed aforesaid the sum of 3 pounds one half to the owner or owners of the land and the other half to the person or persons who shall sue for and prosecute the same to reflect at any time within 18 months from the cutting, selling, working up, carrying away, boxing, boring, or destroying of any such tree sapling or pole and the said Micajah Matthis in fact saith that the said Nehemiah Matthis, Nehemiah Matthis, Jr., and Job Matthis on the 1st day of November in the year of our Lord 1787 at Little Egg Harbor in the County of Burlington aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this court into the close of him the said Micajah Matthis there did enter and 166 trees and $\frac{2}{3}$ of a tree called cedar trees then and there growing and being the property of the said Micajah, they the said Nehemiah Matthis, Sr., and Nehemiah Matthis, Jr., and Job Matthis then and there did cut, sell, and carry away without any leave for that purpose first had and obtained from him the said Micajah Matthis contrary to the same and enact of the Act of Assembly aforesaid and the said Micajah in fact even that the place where the timber aforesaid was cut is not within the limits of any public highway, nor cut or moved for making or repairing any Bridge or Highway within this state. By reason of which cutting and carrying away the said 166 trees and $\frac{2}{3}$ of a tree action hath acrued to the said Micajah to have and require of the said Nehemiah Matthis, Nehemiah Matthis, Jr., and Job Matthis 500 pounds said ___ money. Nevertheless, the said Nehemiah Matthis, Nehemiah Matthis, Jr., and Job Matthis although often required have not paid the said 500 pounds or any part thereof to the said Micajah Matthis and the same to him to pay they and cash of them have neither to altogether refused and each of them still doth refuse to the damage of the said Micajah 500 pounds and thereafter brings this suit.

Signed: Jos. Read

Burlington: Micajah Matthis puts in his place Joseph Read, his Attorney, against Nehemiah Matthis, Nehemiah Matthis, Jr., and Job Matthis in a place of debt.

Filed: 2 FEB 1789, Phillips, Clk.

1803 Resurvey after Nehemiah Mathis's death.⁵⁹

In Pursnance of a Warrant of Resurvey granted by the Council of Proprietors of the Western Division, of the State of New Jersey, to Ebenezer Tucker, Esquire, and Job Mathis, dated 3 MAY 1803, I have resurveyed for the said Ebenezer Tucker, Esquire, and Job Mathis, certain tracts of land situate in the township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Burlington, and Western Division of said state aforesaid. Beginning at a forked pine marked 4 sides force corner and with the letters WP standing on the east side of a swamp known by the name of Pepperage Swamp about 10 chains below the head thereof and is the 4th corner of a survey of 181 acres made by William Pancoast, also the 3rd corner of a survey of 100 acres surveyed to Samuel Pancoast and runs (1) North 17 degrees east 40 ___ chains and 60 links to a dead pine marked SP (2) South 61 degrees and 30 minutes west 54 chains to Buffins Swamp by an old cabin (3) South 15 degrees west 4 chains (4) South 20 degrees west 5 chains (5) South 35 degrees west 6 chains (6) South 10 degrees west 3 chains (7) South 20 degrees west 15 chains (8) South 50 degrees west 4 chains (9) South 30 degrees west 3 chains 50 links (10) South 45 degrees west 12 chains (11) South 42 degrees west 16 chains (12)

⁵⁹ Burlington Co., NJ, Deed Book N:633-635, Tucker and Mathis, 3 MAY 1803, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSY3-PS7Q-1> : accessed 26 FEB 2021), DGS #8351256, images 345-346.

South 3 degrees east 23 chains and 50 links to the line of William Pancoast 900 acres survey then by the same (13) North 55 degrees and 45 minutes east 39 chains and 70 links then 14 north 13 degrees east 1 chain (15) North 52 degrees east 22 chains to a white oak corner to the forest 181 acres survey still by same (16) North 12 degrees east 10 chains 50 links to a pine by Pepperage Swamp then (17) North 34 degrees east 20 chains to the beginning containing 278 acres and allowance for highways and after deducting 2 surveys made to John Mathis and part of a survey made by Samuel Pancoast containing together 180 acres and a half as their return will appear there remains 97 and a half acres and allowance for highways to which lands the said Ebenezer Tucker, Esquire, and Job Mathis claims title in manner following: John Mathis, formerly of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, conveyed said lands to his son Nehemiah by Deed dated 28 APR 1766 and 3 MAY 1768, who conveyed the same to his 4 sons Job, Nehemiah, John, and Ziba Mathis by deed dated 3 SEP 1799, and the said Ebenezer Tucker, Esquire, claims title by virtue of a conveyance from Ziba Mathis one equal undivided quarter part of said lands from John Elton, Esquire, former Sheriff of the County of Burlington dated 11 MAR 1797, and by virtue of a quitclaim from John Mathis for all his right to the lands aforesaid dated 9 JAN 1800, as by reference will appear which lands I have resurveyed and within the lines of the reputed boundaries there remains 97 and a half acres of overplus land therefore in order to secure the same to the said Ebenezer Tucker, Esquire, and Job Mathis, I have appropriated the like quantity of Right thereon from a deed of Rights from William Newbold to ye said E. Tucker, Esquire, for 782 acres and 1 road dated 29 MAR 1796 and from a deed from Clayton Newbold to said Tucker for 280 acres dated 5 FEB 1799 and as reference will appear.

6 OCT 1803.

William Watson, Deputy Surveyor.

Samuel Falkinburg and Ephraim Smith, chain bearers.

Resurveyed.

Burlington County: on 2 NOV 1803 personally appeared before me, Moses Kempton, one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said county, William Watson of the Deputy Surveyors for the Western Division of the State of New Jersey and on solemn affirmation did declare and say that on or about 6 OCT 1803 he was called upon by the heirs of Nehemiah Mathis lately deceased, Job Mathis and Ebenezer Tucker, Esquire, to resurvey a certain tract of land laying in the Township of Little Egg Harbor which land he says he has Resurveyed according to the reputed boundaries as shown to him. Beginning at a forked pine marked WP and stands on the East side of Pepperage Swamp about 10 chains before the head as will more fully appear by Reference to a Return made to the Council of Proprietors dated 6 OCT 1803 and marked W and further saith not.

William Watson, Deputy Surveyor, affirmed before me the day above mentioned. Note the words "Second day of November" "Moses Kempton" were interlined before signing.

Moses Kempton, J.P.

Recorded 3 NOV 1803

___ Haine?, Clk.

46. Mary Mathis, daughter of Nehemiah and Elizabeth Mathis (nee Cramer/Crammer/Cranmer), was born 9 JUN 1768, in the village of Mathistown, Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, New Jersey.⁶⁰ Mary married John Headley before a deed dated 18 AUG 1795, where they both signed as husband and wife, and sold 40 acres of

⁶⁰ Photo of Mary's headstone with her birth and death dates is located in the Vernon Headley Family Records, Collection Box 12-A, Atlantic County Historical Society, Somers Point, New Jersey. Ronald Charles Headley took the picture of Mary's headstone in OCT 1986. The headstone is now severely weathered and nearly unreadable. Mary's headstone has "Mary Headley" engraved upon the top, and the front of the headstone is engraved "Born Jun. 9th 1768. Died Mar. 17th, 1863. aged 95 years." Mary's headstone is next to her husband John Headley's headstone. The author has uploaded the picture of Mary's headstone, taken by the late Ronald Charles Headley, to FindaGrave.com. See: Mary Headley (nee Mathis), headstone, Old Methodist Cemetery, Tuckerton, Ocean County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. "Mary C. Mathis Headley," *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/31165884/mary-c.-headley> : accessed 26 JUL 2021).

their land in Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey, to a Samuel Headley of Stafford Township.⁶¹ At that time, John and Mary were living in Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, New Jersey. This area was very close to Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey. Stafford Township was heavily populated with many people with the Headley surname, who appear to all be related. Mary and John had 12 children altogether, because when their son Samuel Benjamin Headley died, his obituary stated that he was 1 of 12 children.⁶² Mary lived to be the eldest of her siblings, and she died shortly before her 95th birthday, on 17 MAR 1863, in the village of Tuckerton, Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, New Jersey.⁶³ The village of Tuckerton was created in 1786, and was named after Ebenezer Tucker, Esquire.⁶⁴ Ebenezer Tucker's mother was said to be a close relative of the Headley family. Tuckerton was not established as a borough until 1901, and it is now independent of Little Egg Harbor Township. On 30 MAR 1891, Tuckerton and Little Egg Harbor Township separated from Burlington County, and became a part of Ocean County.⁶⁵ Mary may have taken on the role of family historian, because author Leah Blackman (nee Mathis) credited Mary for supplying information of the area for her write-up of *History of Little Egg Harbor Township*.⁶⁶ John and Mary Headley (nee Mathis) are the author's 4th great-grandparents. The author shares DNA with numerous descendants of John and Mary's children's lines. Regarding Mary's husband, John Headley, he was born 26 JAN 1768, based upon calculations from his headstone that is engraved that he was 84 years, 11 months, and 10 days old, when he died on 5 JAN 1853.⁶⁷ His death certificate concurs, and states that he was an 84 year old married male that died 5 JAN 1853, of old age, in Tuckerton, Burlington County, New Jersey; his occupation was a Cooper; his place of birth was Sussex County, New Jersey; and his parents were John and

⁶¹ Monmouth Co., NJ, Deed Book L2:20-21, Headley to Headley, 18 AUG 1795, digital images, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSK7-PSV4-K> : accessed 28 APR 2021), DGS #8139718, images 42-43. Mary's brother, John Mathis, and her brother-in-law, John Rockhill, signed as witnesses.

⁶² "Death of Samuel B. Headley: Millville's Centenarian Passes Away." *The Millville Evening News*, Millville, 23 JAN 1899. See image uploaded: Samuel Benjamin Headley, headstone and obituary, Greenwood Cemetery, Tuckerton, Ocean County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. "Samuel Benjamin Headley," *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/44917343/samuel-benjamin-headley> : accessed 26 JUL 2021).

⁶³ Mary's death date is engraved upon her headstone. Also, her death is recorded on a death ledger, and a copy of it is in possession of the author. The death ledger states: Mary Headley, female, died 17 MAR 1863, age 94, of old age, a widow, born in Mathistown, died in Tuckerton. Her parents were incorrectly listed on the death ledger as "R. and Elizabeth Mathis." Informants are often wrong, and the "R" should have been an "N" for Nehemiah, and land records prove Mary Headley (nee Mathis) is Nehemiah Mathis's daughter, and the Great John Mathis's granddaughter. For Mary's death ledger, see: "Deaths Burlington Co. v. C 1848-1867," digital image, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004208602> : accessed 28 MAR 2021), DGS #4208602, image 353. The record can also be obtained from New Jersey State Archives.

⁶⁴ *The Biographical Encyclopedia of New Jersey of the Nineteenth Century* (Philadelphia: Galaxy Publishing Company, 1877), 140, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/282287-the-biographical-encyclopedia-of-new-jersey-of-the-nineteenth-century> : accessed 26 JUL 2021).

⁶⁵ John P. Snyder, *The Story of New Jersey's Civil Boundaries 1606-1968* (Trenton: Bureau of Geology and Topography, 1969), 1st Edition, 93, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/298931-the-story-of-new-jersey-s-civil-boundaries-1606-1968> : accessed 26 JUL 2021).

⁶⁶ *Proceedings, Constitution, By-Laws, List of Members of the Surveyor's Association of West New Jersey*, article by Blackman, *History of Little Egg Harbor*, 319.

⁶⁷ Photo of John Headley's headstone, taken OCT 1986 by Ronald Charles Headley, is located in the Vernon Headley Family Records, Collection Box 12-A, Atlantic County Historical Society. The author has uploaded the image to FindaGrave. See: John Headley, headstone, Old Methodist Cemetery, Tuckerton, Ocean County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. "John Headley," *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/31165854/john-headley> : accessed 26 JUL 2021).

Gemima Headley.⁶⁸ John and Mary are buried next to each other in Old Methodist Cemetery, Green and Church Streets, Tuckerton, Ocean County, New Jersey. Interestingly, years after John and Mary died, one of their great-grandsons, Francis “Frank” Montague Headley, helped to build the wall that goes around the cemetery, when he was 7 and 8 years old, during the years of 1912 and 1913. Frank’s job was to mix mortar and carry the stones. Frank was born in a house on Green Street, which overlooked the cemetery. Frank wrote all that on the back of a photo he took of the cemetery, and the photo is now in possession of the author. The Headley line has been difficult to trace, but it is thought that the progenitor of the Headley line is either the immigrant Richard Headley of Mamaroneck, Westchester County, Province of New York, or the immigrant Leonard Headley of Elizabethtown, Essex County, Province of New Jersey, but it is unknown how John would connect back to either of those men. Richard and Leonard are estimated to have both been born in the 1640s, and they may have been brothers from England. Travel from Mamaroneck to Elizabethtown was an easy and quick voyage by boat, so if they were brothers, it would make sense that they settled not too far away from one another. John Headley was born in Sussex County, which is in the northern portion of the state of New Jersey, and not far from Elizabethtown and Mamaroneck. For reasons unknown to the author, John Headley ended up removing to Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey, as either a young child or teen, which is more in the southern portion of the state of New Jersey. Many Headleys lived in this area, and they likely were all related. The 18th century southern New Jersey Headleys lived in the villages of Waretown and Manahawkin, in Stafford Township, Monmouth County, and also in Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, which today are all a part of Ocean County.⁶⁹ Land records confirm that the Headley families of Stafford Township traveled back and forth between there and Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, which was but a short distance away, along the main road that connected the two areas.

John and Mary Headley (nee Mathis) had issue:

47. Elizabeth Headley, born 8 FEB 1793, died young.
48. Job Headley, born 12 SEP 1794, m: Mary Lemunyon, had issue.
49. Sarah Headley, born 2 JAN 1797, twin of Jemima, m1: Jabez Parker, had issue; m2: Lewis Price, no issue.
50. Jemima Headley, born 2 JAN 1797, twin of Sarah, m: Elvin Smith, had issue.
51. Mary Headley, born 28 NOV 1799, m: Richard Parker, had issue.
- +52. Samuel Benjamin Headley, born 17 MAR 1802, m: Mary Foster, had issue.
- +53. John Mathis Headley, born 4 SEP 1804, m: Phoebe Ann Lamson, had issue.
54. Joseph R. Headley, born 12 MAR 1807, m: Ann Burton, had issue.
55. Jesse M. Headley, born 30 SEP 1810, m: Mary Burton Rockhill, had issue.
56. One of the wives of Samuel S. Atwood appears to have been a daughter of John and Mary; she would be either Samuel’s 1st wife, Ellen, or his 2nd wife, Hannah.
57. Child unknown.
58. Child unknown.

The children’s birthdates were found in the Vernon Headley Family Record Collection, Collection Box 12-A, Atlantic County Historical Society, Somers Point, New Jersey, and were recorded by either Elvern Bacon Headley, or Elvern’s son, Vernon Headley, though it appears it was recorded by Elvern Bacon Headley, who was John and Mary Headley (nee Mathis)’s great-grandson. Elvern Bacon Headley (1878-1968) is the author’s great-grandfather.

⁶⁸ “Deaths Burlington Co. v. C 1848-1867,” digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004208602> : accessed 10 FEB 2021), DGS #4208602, image 111. The death record, in possession of the author, can also be obtained from New Jersey State Archives.

⁶⁹ The earliest mention of the village of Waretowne (in Stafford Township) that the author has found was in a deed dated 20 NOV 1817, where it states it was in the area of the Waretowne Creek. See: Monmouth Co., NJ, Deed Book C2:490-491, Chamberlain to Birdsall, 21 NOV 1817, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSY3-YTTS> : accessed 31 JUL 2021), DGS #8350685, image 528.

It is unknown where Elvern or Vernon got these birthdates from, but it was probably in a Headley family bible, which unfortunately is now destroyed.

The following deed, transcribed by the author, connects John and Mary Headley (nee Mathis) to Mary's father, Nehemiah Mathis, and to her grandfather, the "Great" John Mathis/Mathews:⁷⁰

John Headley and Mary Headley to Eli Mathis:

Received the 4th day, of the 4th month, April, in the year of our Lord, 1809, of Eli Mathis, \$66.00 in full payment, for all our share of land own or held as heirs at law at all of them lands that our father Nehemiah Mathis held by virtue of a deed from his father, John Mathis, dated the 3rd day of May 1768, being one full nineteenth part with all the improvements, privileges, and profits thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining or belonging as part or parcel thereof to the only proper use, benefit, and behoof of him the said Eli Mathis, his heirs and assigns forever, and we the said John Headley and Mary Headley do warrant and for defend the premises against ourselves, our heirs, and assigns, and that the said Eli Mathis, his heirs, and assigns, shall and may forever hereafter, possess the same peaceably and quietly witness whereof we the said John Headley and Mary Headley have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of William Gifford and Stephen Willits.

Signed: John Headly, Mary Headley "her mark, X."

On the 14th of November, 1809, before me, Ebenezer Tucker, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Burlington, John Headley and Mary, his wife, appeared and acknowledged they signed, sealed, and delivered the within paper for the uses and purposes expressed and the said Mary being examined apart from her husband acknowledged that she executed the same of her own free will and accord without any threats from her husband whatsoever in testimony whereof I have set my hand.

Signed: Ebenezer Tucker

Recorded: 24 FEB 1827

Sam Read, Clerk

The following is an abstract of John Headley's will, transcribed by the author:⁷¹

*13 SEP 1852, Headley, John, of Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington, New Jersey, will of.
Son, Jesse Headley, house and land where I now dwell. Son, Jesse Headley, appointed executor.*

Signed: John Headley "his mark, X."

Witnesses: Elihu Mathis, Sophronia A. Mathis, and Lovenia Mathis.

Proved: 11 MAR 1853

**Of note, Jesse's middle initial is mentioned later on in this record as the letter "M," and he signed his name as "Jesse M. Headley." His full name may have been "Jesse Mathis Headley."*

52. Samuel Benjamin Headley, son of John and Mary Headley (nee Mathis), was born 17 MAR 1802, per birthdate found in the Vernon Headley Family Records, Collection Box 12-A, Atlantic County Historical Society. Based upon calculations from his death certificate, which states he was 96 years, 10 months, and 1 day old, when he died on 21 JAN 1899, in Millville, Cumberland County, New Jersey, that calculation comes to 20 MAR 1802, which is off by 3

⁷⁰ Burlington Co., NJ, Deed Book U2:24, Headley to Mathis, 4 APR 1809, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSRG-1JWB-S> : accessed 10 AUG 2021), DGS #8312885, image 16.

⁷¹ Burlington Co., NJ, Wills Book H:125-126, John Headley, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L933-9WW5> : accessed 10 AUG 2021), DGS #5663857, images 860-861.

days.⁷² Samuel died at his eldest son Joseph's house. Samuel lived in Tuckerton most of his life, and had a store there, but he had removed to his son's residence in Millville, a few years before his death. Samuel's headstone is engraved slightly incorrect; the headstone is engraved that he died 20 JAN 1898, at the age of 96 years, 10 months, and 4 days old.⁷³ Samuel is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, North Green Street, Tuckerton, Ocean County, New Jersey, which is just up the street from where his parents are buried in Old Methodist Cemetery, on Church and Green Streets. Samuel's obituary states that he was born in Bass River, the son of John and Mary Headley; however, at the time of his birth, the area was Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, New Jersey.⁷⁴ It appears that throughout the years, this area has gone through significant boundary changes amongst villages, boroughs, townships, and counties. Samuel Benjamin Headley married Mary H. Foster circa 1823. Mary's death certificate states the following: she was the daughter of Benjamin and Hester Foster; her birthplace was Burlington County, New Jersey; she was a resident of Tuckerton for life; her parents were both born in New Jersey; she died at the age of 78 years and 8 months old, on 4 JUL 1884, in Tuckerton, New Jersey; and lastly, she was buried in Tuckerton.⁷⁵ Mary's headstone, located in Greenwood Cemetery in Tuckerton, is engraved as "Mary H., wife of Samuel B. Headley, born Nov. 30th 1805, died July 4th 1884, aged 78 years ____."⁷⁶ Samuel was a successful farmer and merchant, and he went on to own a very large amount of land in Tuckerton, along Green and Church Streets, and also woodlands in the area near Stage Road. According to land records, in 1827, Samuel was living in the village of Tuckerton, Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, New Jersey, but by 1831, he was living in Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey. He was very close with his younger brother, John Mathis Headley. Samuel and John bought land in Stafford Township together, with their farms next to each other, and they each owned one half equal share of the land. Unfortunately, brother John fell ill and died of exposure, about the year of 1835. Right before John's death, John sold his one half equal share of the land to Samuel. The brothers probably had removed to Stafford Township to be closer to the Headley side of the family, but after John died, Samuel did not stay. Samuel sold some of the land in 1837, then removed to Tuckerton. Samuel sold the rest of the property in Stafford Township by 1843. Many land records can be found of Samuel in both the Burlington and Monmouth County deed books.

Samuel Benjamin Headley and Mary H. Headley (nee Foster) had issue:

59. Joseph F. Headley (1824-1904), m1: Elizabeth R. ____, had issue; m2: Mary J. ____, no issue. Joseph is buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Millville, Cumberland County, New Jersey.

60. Alfred W. Headley, child died young.

61. Sarah A. Headley (1829-1917), m: Caleb Adams (1830-1897), had issue. Sarah and Caleb are buried in Barnegat Memorial Cemetery, Barnegat, Ocean County, New Jersey.

62. Elizabeth M. Headley (1830-1876), m: Benjamin Leeds (1830-1923), had issue. Elizabeth and Benjamin are buried in Mount Moriah Cemetery in Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.

+63. Benjamin F. Headley, m: Deborah Cordery, had issue.

64. Mary F. Headley (1834-1888), m: William Leek, had issue.

⁷² "Deaths Atlantic-Essex v. 54 1898-1899," digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004211072> : accessed 2 APR 2021) < DGS #4211072, image 276.

⁷³ Samuel Benjamin Headley, headstone, Greenwood Cemetery, Tuckerton, Ocean County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. "Samuel Benjamin Headley," *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/44917343/samuel-benjamin-headley> : accessed 13 AUG 2021).

⁷⁴ "Death of Samuel B. Headley: Millville's Centenarian Passes Away." *The Millville Evening News*, Millville, 23 JAN 1899, copy of article in possession of author.

⁷⁵ Mary H. Headley, death certificate, 4 JUL 1884, file no.: 10-H29, New Jersey State Archives; copy in possession of the author.

⁷⁶ Mary Headley (nee Foster), headstone, Greenwood Cemetery, Tuckerton, Ocean County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. "Mary H. Foster Headley," *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/44917302/mary-h.-headley> : accessed 15 AUG 2021).

65. Dorcas Anna Headley (1839-1923), m1: Patrick McCullough (1834-1887), of Ireland, had issue; m2: Samuel Letts (1836-1913), no issue. Dorcas and Patrick are buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Tuckerton. Samuel, a Civil War veteran, is buried in Pointville Cemetery, Fort Dix, Burlington County, New Jersey.

+66. Samuel Collins Headley, m1: Helena Pharo, had issue; m2: Lydia Rutter (nee Sprague), had issue; m3: Mary Elizabeth Mathis, had issue.

67. Esther C. Headley (1843-1898), m: George W. Sprague/Spragg (1828-1906), had issue. Esther and George are buried in West Creek Cemetery, West Creek, Ocean County, New Jersey.

68. John A. Headley (1845-1854). John is buried in Old Methodist Cemetery, Tuckerton, Ocean County, New Jersey.

69. Edward L. Headley, m: Susannah Clark, issue unknown.

70. Charles Montague Headley (1853-1933), m: Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" Souder (1852-1923), had issue. Charles worked as a General Passenger Agent for the Tuckerton Railroad. Charles' brother, Samuel Collins Headley, built Charles' home on North Green Street for him, in Tuckerton, circa 1880. The side of the house became the Tuckerton Beacon location, in which Charles owned half interest. This was written on the back of an old photo of the building, which the author has, taken in 1981, written by Samuel Collins Headley's son, Francis "Frank" Montague Headley. Land records confirm that Charles bought the property from his father, Samuel Benjamin Headley, on 9 NOV 1878. Charles and Lizzie are buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Tuckerton, Ocean County, New Jersey.

53. John Mathis Headley, son of John and Mary Headley (nee Mathis), was born 4 SEP 1804, in the village of Waretown, Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey. John died circa 1835 of "exposure," which is an old medical term for "death from exposure to the elements." John's birthdate, place of birth, approximate death date, and cause of death are recorded in the Vernon Headley Family Record Collection, Collection Box 12-A, at the Atlantic County Historical Society, Somers Point, New Jersey. John Mathis Headley is the author's 3rd great-grandfather. Vernon Headley is the author's grandmother's brother, and both Vernon and his father, Elvern Bacon Headley, recorded John's birthdate of 4 SEP 1804, several times over, within the Vernon Headley Family Record Collection. Elvern Bacon Headley is the author's great-grandfather. It is unknown where Vernon or Elvern obtained John Mathis Headley's birth information, or cause of death, but it may have been written in a family bible, which is now destroyed. Vernon Headley wrote, "John Headley was a seaman and had a short life, as he died of exposure. Whether he died of pneumonia from the freezing weather at sea is not known by my family." The author's parents personally saw Vernon's massive family record collection before it was donated, and it took up his entire dining room table. After Vernon's death, his daughter donated most everything to the Atlantic County Historical Society, except the Headley records. The Headley records wound up with a distant cousin named Ronald Charles Headley, who lived in Grand Island, New York. Unfortunately, after Ronald Charles Headley's death, all those records were thrown out, except for one binder of things, which is now in possession of the author. According to Tax Ratable lists for the years of 1802-1805, which the author has personally reviewed, John Mathis Headley's parents lived in Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, New Jersey, at the time of his birth. Land records show many people with the Headley surname living in the village of Waretown in Stafford Township, who appear to all be related. Though Waretown and Little Egg Harbor Township were in two different counties, they bordered each other and were within walking distance; thus, John's mother probably birthed him at a relative's or doctor's house in Waretown.

When John Mathis Headley was about the age of 23, he and his brother, Samuel Benjamin Headley, removed from Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, New Jersey, to Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey. Deed dated 29 AUG 1828 states John Headley and Samuel Headley, of Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, New Jersey, bought a little over 134 acres of land from John and Beulah Parker, of Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey, for \$350.00. They each bought one half equal share of the land, which was about 67 acres each, more or less. The deed states the first tract of land and farm they bought was in the neighborhood of Cramertown, in Stafford Township, where Willits Cramer lived, on the east side of the main road that leads from Manahawkin (in Stafford Township) to Tuckerton (in Little Egg Harbor Township), by Edward

Cramer's dwelling house, which contained a little over 64 acres. The 2nd tract of land included a salt marsh and swamp in Stafford Township, below Cramertown, by the edge of Manahawkin, by Dr. Andrew Hamilton's meadow, and by land belonging to Willits Cramer, which contained about 70 acres. The witnesses to the deed were Abraham Woolston and Edward Lamson, Jr., and Edward Lamson, Jr., became John Mathis Headley's future father-in-law. The deed was recorded 30 AUG 1828.⁷⁷

John Mathis Headley married Phoebe Ann Lamson, the daughter of Edward Lamson, Jr., and Catherine Lamson (nee Bennett), on 12 JUL 1829, in Dover Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey, with Amos Birdsall, Esquire, officiating, per marriage license.⁷⁸ Amos Birdsall was married to Martha Headley, the daughter of Samuel and Martha Headley (nee Cooper) of Stafford Township, so Amos's wife Martha was probably John Mathis Headley's cousin; thus, John and Amos were likely well acquainted. The marriage date concurs with a deed dated 28 DEC 1829, where newlyweds John and wife Phoebe, of Stafford Township, sold land for \$10.00 to John's brother, Samuel Benjamin Headley.⁷⁹ Phoebe was pregnant with their first child, a baby girl, at the time of the deed dated 28 DEC 1829. John and Phoebe's marriage is also mentioned in Leah Blackman's *History of Little Egg Harbor Township*; Leah wrote that John Headley, Jr., married Phoebe Lamson of Manahawkin (Blackman 1880, 321).⁸⁰ Manahawkin was located in Stafford Township, and within very close distance of Tuckerton, Waretown, Cedar Run, and Little Egg Harbor Township. Transcription of John and Phoebe's marriage license, by the author, is as follows:

To the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, for the County of Monmouth, New Jersey:

I, the subscriber, one of the Justices of the Peace, in and for said county, do hereby testify that on the 12th day of July, 1829, I married and joined in matrimony, in the Township of Dover, John Hoddy and Phebe Lampson, both of the Township of Stafford, and them did pronounce man and wife agreeable to the laws of the state of New Jersey.

Signed: Amos Birdsall, Esquire

Recorded: 28 JUL 1829

John Mathis Headley and Phoebe Ann Lamson are the author's 3rd great-grandparents. Phoebe was a young bride when she married John. She was only about 15 and a half years old at the time of their marriage, and John was 24. Phoebe was born 1814, per her headstone she shares with her 2nd husband, Thomas Elbersen, located in Beach Avenue Cemetery in Manahawkin, Ocean County, New Jersey.⁸¹ Phoebe married Thomas Elbersen several years after John died; thus, her proper full name is "Phoebe Ann Headley Elbersen (nee Lamson)." Phoebe was born in the village of Manahawkin, Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey. She was probably born in the months of January to early April of 1814. Phoebe is a descendant of Stephen Hopkins, Giles Hopkins, John Howland, the

⁷⁷ Monmouth Co., NJ, Deed Book Q2:241-242, Parker to Headley, 29 AUG 1828, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSK7-P37M-F> : accessed 18 AUG 2021), DGS #8139719, images 276-277.

⁷⁸ Monmouth Co., NJ, Marriages Book B (1817-1830):249, Hoddy and Lampson, 12 JUL 1829, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-953W-8> : accessed 18 AUG 2021), DGS #4541795, image 595.

⁷⁹ Monmouth Co., NJ, Deed Book H3:378-380, Headley to Headley, 28 DEC 1829, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSY3-1SFK-W> : 18 AUG 2021), DGS #8350800, images 418-420. John signed his name as "John M. Headley." This deed was not recorded until 21 MAR 1835.

⁸⁰ *Proceedings, Constitution, By-Laws, List of Members of the Surveyor's Association of West New Jersey*, article by Blackman, *History of Little Egg Harbor*, 321.

⁸¹ Phoebe Ann Headley Elbersen (nee Lamson), headstone, Beach Avenue Cemetery, Manahawkin, Ocean County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. "Phoebe Ann Lamson Elbersen," *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/30094590/phoebe-anne-elbersen> : accessed 22 AUG 2021). Phoebe's headstone is engraved "Phebe Elbersen, Born 1814, died 1890." She shares the headstone with her 2nd husband, Thomas Elbersen (1822-1876), and Nellie S. Dixon.

Tilley family, and William Brewster, who all came to the New World aboard the Mayflower in 1620. At least one member of the author's family has joined the General Society of Mayflower Descendants through Phoebe; thus, all direct descendants of Phoebe Ann Headley Elbersen (nee Lamson) should be eligible to join.

The 1830 US Census for Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey, finds John M. Headley, age 20 to 30, living with a female, age 15 to 20, and another female, under age 5.⁸² The census shows that John was living in between Samuel B. Headley and Edward Cranmer. Land records confirm that Samuel B. Headley and Edward Cranmer bordered John's property. Samuel Benjamin Headley is John's brother. The ages on the census concur with John's birthdate of 4 SEP 1804, and Phoebe's birth year on her headstone of 1814. The young girl under age 5 was their daughter, and she was probably born right before the census (probably in May of 1830), because John and Phoebe were married on 12 JUL 1829, and the census was due to be taken 1 JUN 1830. No one in the author's family knew that the baby girl even existed, so she must have died young. A few years after this census, on 12 AUG 1832, John and Phoebe had their second child, a son, and they named him Elwood Headley.⁸³ Elwood Headley is the author's 2nd great-grandfather.

Of note, within the Vernon Headley Family Record Collection at the Atlantic County Historical Society, Vernon's father reported that Phoebe and John had another son that was born before Elwood, named Joseph Headley, born in 1830. Vernon heard that Joseph was given to Moses and Harriet Headley (nee Corlies) to raise. Joseph Headley married Rachel Bowker, had issue, and removed to Virginia. The author has come across several obituaries for Joseph Headley, and one obituary states he was age 80 at the time of his death, while another obituary states he was age 81, when he died on 12 AUG 1910, at his residence in Richmond City, Henrico County, Virginia; thus, Joseph would have been born circa 1828-1830. Because John and Phoebe were married 12 JUL 1829, and they had a newly born baby girl on the 1830 US Census, it is doubtful that Joseph could be a biological son of John and Phoebe, if he was born between 1828-1830, unless he was a twin to the baby girl on the 1830 US Census, or the baby girl on the census is not their daughter, and Joseph was born shortly after the census was taken. Interestingly, Moses and Harriet Headley (nee Corlies) did have a son Job Headley, and Job married Hannah Camburn, daughter of Captain Garrison Camburn. Elwood Headley (son of John and Phoebe) gave his 2nd born child named Garrison Camburn Headley to Captain Camburn to raise, per family notes written by Elvern Bacon Headley (Elwood's son). Elvern stated that Job Headley was Elwood's cousin. So, it is unknown if Joseph Headley truly is Elwood's biological brother, or, if he was just his cousin. Due to the baby girl being on the 1830 US Census, the author tends to think that the story may have gotten mixed up, and Joseph was Elwood's cousin, and not his brother, but anything could be possible. The author will not include Joseph in this registry, as it is not certain if he was a brother or a cousin.

John Mathis Headley and Phoebe Ann Headley Elbersen (nee Lamson) had issue:

- 71. baby girl, born circa MAY 1830.
- +72. Elwood T. Headley, born 12 AUG 1832, m1: Edith Brown, had issue; m2: Ellen "Nellie" Maria Bacon, had issue. Elwood and his 2nd wife, Ellen, are the author's 2nd great-grandparents.

On 19 JUN 1831, Phoebe Ann Headley Elbersen (nee Lamson)'s paternal grandfather, Edward Lamson, Sr., died intestate, in the village of Manahawkin, Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey, at the age of 61 years, 6 months, and 6 days old, per his headstone in First Methodist Meeting House Burial Grounds, on Beach and

⁸² 1830 United States Census, Stafford, Monmouth County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. "John M. Headley," *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8058/images/4411247_00773 : accessed 22 AUG 2021).

⁸³ Elwood Headley's birthdate recorded on his death certificate from New Jersey State Archives; copy in possession of the author. DOB is also recorded on the author's personal family records passed down.

Division Streets, in Manahawkin, which means he was born 13 DEC 1766.⁸⁴ Edward's wife (Phoebe's paternal grandmother) was Ruth Lamson (nee Lewis), and Ruth is the connection to the Mayflower. Ruth was born 15 SEP 1765, Truro, Massachusetts, the daughter of John and Hannah Lewis (nee Hopkins), per town vital records.⁸⁵ Edward and Ruth were married 28 JUL 1789, in Wellfleet, Massachusetts, per marriage license.⁸⁶ Ruth's headstone, also in First Methodist Meeting House Burial Grounds, is engraved that she died 7 APR 1844.⁸⁷ Her age of death is engraved slightly incorrect, and is off by 3 days, and states that Ruth was 78 years, 6 months, and 20 days old, when she died. Ruth's father, John Lewis, was born 29 MAY 1731, Barnstable, Massachusetts, the son of John and Mercy Lewis (nee Hopkins).⁸⁸ Ruth's mother, Hannah Lewis (nee Hopkins), was born 9 MAY 1730, Truro, Massachusetts, the daughter of Thomas Hopkins.⁸⁹ Ruth's father's line continues back to John Howland, Stephen Hopkins, William Brewster, and several other Mayflower passengers. Ruth's mother's line continues back to Stephen Hopkins, too. Land records filed in the Monmouth County Deed Books connect Phoebe's father Edward Lamson, Jr., to her grandfather, Edward Lamson, Sr. Deed dated 13 APR 1826, when Edward Lamson, Sr., was still alive, finds Edward Lamson, Sr., involved in a sale of land along with his son, Edward Lamson, Jr., and other family, to the Cranmer family.⁹⁰ This deed involves John Mathis Headley's neighbor, Edward Cranmer. Then, a deed dated 30 OCT 1831, after Edward Lamson, Sr., died, finds transactions amongst his children, including his son, Edward Lamson, Jr., and wife, Catherine Lamson (nee Bennett).⁹¹ Per a multitude of several land records and other legal documentation, the children of Edward Lamson, Sr., and Ruth Lamson (nee Lewis) are the following: Edward Lamson, Jr. (married Catherine Bennett; they are Phoebe's parents), Rachel Lamson (married ___Hazleton), William Lamson (married Achsah ___), Elizabeth Lamson (married Jesse Bennett), Hannah Lamson (married John

⁸⁴ Edward Lamson, headstone, First Methodist Meeting House Burial Grounds, Beach and Division Streets, Manahawkin, Ocean County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. "Edward Lamson," *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/71044820/edward-lamson> : accessed 22 AUG 2021).

⁸⁵ "Massachusetts, U.S., Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988," digital image s.v. "Ruth Lewis," *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2495/images/40400_274560-00311 : accessed 23 AUG 2021). Original Data: Town and City Clerks of Massachusetts. Massachusetts Vital and Town Records. Provo, UT: Holbrook Research Institute (Jay and Delene Holbrook): Wellfleet: Births, Marriages, Deaths 1763-1844, Volume 1:23.

⁸⁶ "Massachusetts, U.S., Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988," digital image s.v. "Ruth Lewis," *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2495/images/40400_274560-00478 : accessed 23 AUG 2021). Original data: Town and City Clerks of Massachusetts. Massachusetts Vital and Town Records. Provo, UT: Holbrook Research Institute (Jay and Delene Holbrook): Wellfleet: Births, Marriages, Deaths 1763-1844, Volume 1:540.

⁸⁷ Ruth Lamson (nee Lewis), headstone, First Methodist Meeting House Burial Grounds, Manahawkin, Ocean County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. "Ruth Lamson," *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/71028397/ruth-lamson> : accessed 23 AUG 2021).

⁸⁸ "Massachusetts, U.S., Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988," digital image s.v. "John Lewes," *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2495/images/40904_263743__0022-00206 : accessed 23 AUG 2021). Original Data: Town and City Clerks of Massachusetts. Massachusetts Vital and Town Records. Provo, UT: Holbrook Research Institute (Jay and Delene Holbrook): Barnstable: Transcript of Records 1713-1781, Volume 2:409.

⁸⁹ "Mayflower Births and Deaths, Vol. 1 and 2," digital image s.v. "Hannah Hopkins," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/3718/images/mayflowerbdii-002096.64> : accessed 23 AUG 2021). Original Data: Susan E. Roser, *Mayflower Births and Deaths: From the Files of George Ernest Bowman at the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., 1992), Volume 2:64.

⁹⁰ Monmouth Co., NJ, Deed Book L3:130-131, Lamson, et al, to Cranmer, et al, 13 APR 1826, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSK7-598M-R> : accessed 29 AUG 2021), DGS #8139723, images 157-158.

⁹¹ Monmouth Co., NJ, Deed Book B3:7-10, Lamson, et al, to Lamson, 30 OCT 1831, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSG8-1S79-F> : accessed 29 AUG 2021), DGS #8217600, images 32-35.

Cranmer/Crammer/Cramer), Samuel Lamson (married Mary ____), Matthias Lamson (married Achsah Sprague/Spragg), Thomas Lamson (married Mary ____), and Naomi Lamson (married Job Letts).

Then, a little over a year after Phoebe Ann Headley Elberson (nee Lamson)'s grandfather died, her father died intestate. Phoebe's father, Edward Lamson, Jr., died 17 OCT 1832 in Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey, per his headstone in First Methodist Meeting House Burial Grounds in Manahawkin.⁹² Edward's headstone is engraved, "In Memory of Edward Lamson, Jr., who departed this life October the 17th AD 1832, aged 42 years, 8 months, and 17 days." A letter of administration stating Edward died intestate was filed 22 JAN 1833, and it was granted to his wife, Catherine Lamson (nee Bennett), and his brother, Samuel Lamson.⁹³ Based upon calculations from Edward's headstone, he was born 30 JAN 1790, in Wellfleet, Barnstable, Massachusetts. A town record in Wellfleet, Massachusetts, states Edward is the son of Edward and Ruth Lamson, but it does not give his birthdate; however, the record does list his sister, Hannah, with a birth date of 20 OCT 1793.⁹⁴ Edward's sister Hannah went on to marry John Cranmer, per marriage certificate, and her headstone in First Methodist Meeting House Burial Grounds in Manahawkin is engraved that her birth date was 20 OCT 1793, which is the same date of birth in the Wellfleet town record with brother Edward; thus, this proves that the Edward mentioned in the aforementioned Wellfleet town birth record is Phoebe's father Edward Lamson, Jr., and that he truly is the son of Edward Lamson, Sr., and Ruth Lamson (nee Lewis).^{95 96}

Phoebe Ann Headley Elberson (nee Lamson)'s mother was Catherine Lamson (nee Bennett). Catherine was born 20 FEB 1789, per an old family sampler the author has a photo of, which was sent to the author by a cousin who is a member of DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution). Catherine's headstone is engraved that she died 8 OCT 1872, aged 83 years and 7 months old, the wife of Edward Lamson, per her headstone in First Methodist Meeting House Burial Grounds in Manahawkin.⁹⁷ The family sampler lists Catherine's parents, herself, her siblings, and everyone's birthdates in roman numerals. Someone in the family made the sampler at an unknown date; probably in the early 1800s. It may have been made by Catherine or her sister, Edith. The sampler states, "Samuel Bennet was born October ye 5, 1757, Phebe Bennet was born November ye 23, 1765, Eadeath Bennet was born September ye 2, 1786, Catren Bennet was born February ye 20, 1789, Jesse Bennet was born February ye 20, 1791, Timothy Bennet was born July ye 25, 1794, and Nehemiah Bennet was born January ye 13, 1799." Catherine was born in the Cedar Run section of Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey. Catherine was the daughter of Samuel and Phoebe Bennett (nee Spragg), and her father was in the Revolution. Samuel Bennett enlisted at Toms River, New

⁹² Edward Lamson, headstone, First Methodist Meeting House Burial Grounds, Manahawkin, Ocean County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. "Edward Lamson," *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/71052279/edward-lamson#source> : accessed 30 AUG 2021).

⁹³ Monmouth Co., NJ, Letters of Administration and Guardianship Book A:557, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-993S-19RV> : accessed 31 AUG 2021), DGS #5662895, image 317.

⁹⁴ "Massachusetts, U.S., Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988," digital image s.v. "Hannah Lamson; birth year: 1793," digital images, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2495/images/40400_274560-00323 : accessed 31 AUG 2021). Original Data: Town and City Clerks of Massachusetts. Massachusetts Vital and Town Records. Provo, UT: Holbrook Research Institute (Jay and Delene Holbrook). Wellfleet: Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1763-1844, Volume 1:46.

⁹⁵ Hannah Cranmer (nee Lamson), headstone, First Methodist Meeting House Burial Grounds, Manahawkin, Ocean County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. "Hannah Lamson Cranmer," *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/71051684/hannah-cranmer> : accessed 31 AUG 2021).

⁹⁶ "New Jersey, U.S., Marriage Records, 1670-1965," digital image s.v. "Hannah Lampson," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61376/images/TH-1-9954-604-86> : accessed 31 AUG 2021).

⁹⁷ Catherine Lamson (nee Bennett), headstone, First Methodist Meeting House Burial Grounds, Manahawkin, Ocean County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. "Catherine Bennett Lamson," *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/71052360/catherine-lamson> : accessed 25 SEP 2021).

Jersey, on 14 MAR 1777, for 3 years, at the age of 19. He was in the Battle of Germantown 4 OCT 1777, and a skirmish in Elizabethtown, and was involved in an expedition against the “Indians” in western New York, in 1779, under Major General John Sullivan. He served as Private under Captain Reuben F. Randolph’s Fifth Company, 2nd Regiment, and Private under Captain William Wikoff’s Company, Colonel David Forman’s Regiment, Continental Army, and then was transferred to Captain John Burrowe’s Company, Colonel Oliver Spencer’s Regiment, Continental Army in 1779.⁹⁸ Of note, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), a lineage based society, has inaccurate information regarding Samuel’s wife, Phoebe Bennett (nee Spragg), and has her confused with a different Phoebe in town named Phoebe Southard (nee Paul). The author has proven Phoebe Spragg is Samuel Bennett’s correct wife, per deed dated 23 JAN 1827, which states she was the heir of Michael Spragg, and an abstract (by the author) is as follows:⁹⁹

This Indenture made 23 JAN 1827, between Jesse Spragg and Martha his wife, Joseph Spragg and Rebecca his wife, Samuel Bennett and Phoebe his wife, Stephen Inman and Charity his wife, Moses Letts and Rachel his wife, Jonathan Crammer and Mary his wife, James Spragg and Nancy “Ann” his wife, Eli Crammer and Hannah his wife, Martha Spragg, and Amelia Spragg, parties of the first part, to Charles Spragg, party of the second part, for \$160.00. All parties of Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey. Beginning at a stone standing on the west side of the main Shore Road leading from Manahawkin to Tuckerton, and one chain from the corner of Elias Truax’s farm... to Caleb Southard’s second corner...back to the beginning, containing 15 acres, which the parties of the first part were seized of by heirship from Michael Spragg, deceased, and according to agreement by the aforesaid heirs by Edward Lamson and Abraham Woolston. Witness: Abraham Woolston. Recorded: 25 APR 1827.

In Samuel Bennett’s pension file, an inventory of his Real and Personal Estate was taken on 22 OCT 1829, while he was alive, due to debt being sorted, and a note of 12.00 from Charles Spragg was mentioned in the inventory. Charles Spragg was Phoebe Bennett (nee Spragg)’s relative mentioned as the grantee in the aforementioned deed dated 23 JAN 1827.¹⁰⁰ Additionally, the author has looked at records of the other Phoebe Paul. Her death record, filed at New Jersey State Archives, states her name as Phoebe Southard, and that she died JUL 1865, Manahawkin, Stafford Township, New Jersey, age 73, and that her parents were Benjamin and Bethenia Paul. The 1850 US Census for Stafford Township, Ocean County, New Jersey, shows that Phoebe Southard (nee Paul), age 59, was living with her husband, Solomon Southard. Phoebe Southard (nee Paul) was about 25 years younger than Phoebe Bennett (nee Spragg), per the aforementioned family sampler and the other records mentioned. In closing, the aforementioned records prove that Samuel Bennett’s correct wife is Phoebe Spragg, not Phoebe Paul.

Of note, both of Phoebe Ann Headley Elberson (nee Lamson)’s grandfathers, Edward Lamson, Sr., and Samuel Bennett, were trustees of the Manahawkin Methodist Episcopal Chapel, per deed dated 12 MAR 1803, which explains why so many of the Lamson and Bennett families are buried on Beach and Division Streets in the First

⁹⁸ “Revolutionary War Index : a Compilation of Revolutionary War Slips and Documented Materials From Other Sources,” digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/008350850> : accessed 2 FEB 2021), DGS #8350850, image 550.

⁹⁹ Monmouth Co., NJ, Deed Book N2:345-346, Spragg, et al., to Spragg, 23 JAN 1827, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSY3-RS1K-D> : accessed 5 SEP 2021), DGS #8350777, images 936-937.

¹⁰⁰ Samuel Bennett’s entire pension file is scanned to Ancestry.com, but it is hard to find, because it was indexed wrong as just “Bennett,” so it doesn’t show up in a search properly, and will take some digging as one will have to look through the entire “B” surname section to get to it. The author has copies of the entire file. See: “U.S., Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900,” digital image s.v. “Bennett;” starts on image 166 of 752, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1995/images/MIUSA1775D_134786-00167 : accessed 25 SEP 2021). Original Data: File #S34,017, NJ; Archive Publication Number: M804; Archive Roll Number 220; Pension Year: 1820; Total Pages in Packet: 80 pages.

Methodist Meeting House Burial Grounds.¹⁰¹ Being that Phoebe's father, Edward Lamson, Jr., and her grandfather, Edward Lamson, Sr., both died in the early 1830s, and John Mathis Headley died circa 1835, this burial ground may be John Mathis Headley's final resting spot, too. The headstones in this burial ground are in very poor condition, with many so weathered that they are entirely unreadable at this point. The author will provide an abstract of the aforementioned deed:

This Indenture made 12 MAR 1803 between Reuben Randolph, Sr., of Manahawkin, Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey, to Benjamin Seamon, Samuel Bennett, Edward Lambson, Benjamin Randolph, Henry Pearson, Thomas Randolph, Nathan Crane, Levi Camburn, and William Randolph, the Trustees of the Manahawkin Methodist Episcopal Chapel, of the same state aforesaid, in trust for the sum of \$10.00. Bounded as follows: Beginning 5 feet from the west end of the schoolhouse and about 3 feet south of the northwest corner of the schoolhouse (then contains measurements back to the beginning), containing 1 quarter of an acre and 26/100, on the condition that the aforementioned Trustees build and erect a place of worship for the members of the Episcopal Methodist Church which from time to time may be agreed on and adopted by the Ministers and Preachers of the aforesaid church at their general conferences to preach and expound the Scriptures therein.
Signed: Reuben fitz Randolph
Witnesses: David Bartine and Stacy Watkinson
Recorded: James Allen, Judge, 12 MAR 1803

On 29 MAR 1833, a division record was created to divide the estate of Phoebe's deceased grandfather, Edward Lamson, Sr., since he died intestate.¹⁰² The part of the estate that was to go to Phoebe's father, Edward Lamson, Jr., went to Phoebe and her siblings, since he was dead, too. As previously mentioned, both Phoebe's grandfather and father died intestate. Phoebe and her sibling's names are not specifically mentioned in the record; rather, they were just referred to as "the heirs of Edward Lamson, Jr." However, Phoebe and her siblings are mentioned in several deeds in the Ocean County, New Jersey, Deed Books, many years later, after Phoebe married her second husband, Thomas Elberson, when they sold the inherited estate. Phoebe's siblings were: Solomon Lamson (married Elizabeth ____), Henry Lamson, Benjamin Lamson (married Harriet Smith), Aaron Lamson, Edith B. Lamson (married ____ Worden/Warden), and Mary Lamson (married Stacy Hazleton). It is important to note that the area of Monmouth County, in which they lived, later became a part of Ocean County; thus, land and probate records are filed accordingly. The 29 MAR 1833 division record mentions that the real estate of Edward Lamson, Sr., was to be split in 9 equal parts/shares amongst his heirs, and his heirs were: son, Samuel Lamson; son, Thomas Lamson; son, Matthias Lamson; son, William Lamson; grandchildren by deceased son, Edward Lamson, Jr.; grandchildren by deceased daughter, Rachel Hazleton (nee Lamson); son-in-law, John C. Crammer (married Edward's daughter, Hannah); son-in-law, Jesse Bennett (married Edward's daughter, Elizabeth); and son-in-law, Job Letts (married Edward's daughter, Naomi).

Phoebe Ann Headley Elberson (nee Lamson) was about the age of 17 when her grandfather died, and about the age of 18 when her father died, so she needed a guardian appointed of her inherited estate, since she was a minor under age 21. Naturally, she chose her husband, John Mathis Headley, to be her guardian. In July of 1833, when Phoebe

¹⁰¹ Monmouth Co., NJ, Deed Book N:630-631, Randolph to Seamon, et al., 12 MAR 1803, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4Y-LQBZ-V> : accessed 5 OCT 2021), DGS #7901932, images 361-362.

¹⁰² Monmouth Co., NJ, Deed Book G3:129-140, Division of the Real Estate of Edward Lamson, deceased, 29 MAR 1833, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSY3-BGMD> : accessed 6 OCT 2021), DGS #8350799, images 731-746.

was about the age of 19, the court granted her wish, for her husband, John Mathis Headley, to be her guardian.¹⁰³ A transcription of the guardianship record, by the author, is as follows:

Monmouth Orphan's Court, July Term 1833:

In petition of John M. Headley and Phebe Headley late Lamson, praying that the said John M. Headley may be appointed guardian of the said person and estate of the said Phebe Headley, until she arrives to the age of 21 years, and offering Job F. Randolph and Clayton Brown as sureties. It is therefore ordered and decreed that the guardianship of the person and the estate of the said Phebe Headley be committed to the said John M. Headley until she arrives to the age of 21 years, and that Letters issue accordingly, he the said guardian first entering into the usual bond to the ordinary in the sum of \$1,000.00 with Job F. Randolph and Clayton Brown as sureties.

On 4 JAN 1834, John Mathis Headley and wife, Phoebe Ann Headley Elbertson (nee Lamson), sold a little over 18 acres of their land to their neighbor, Edward Cranmer, for \$30.00.¹⁰⁴ The record states all parties were of Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey. The deed was recorded 18 JAN 1834. John was probably ill at this time, and he may have known he was dying. Phoebe was still a minor, and if John died, she would have needed a guardian appointed of the estate until she turned 21, so it was probably just easier to sell the land, so that she would have money for herself and their young son, Elwood.

On 17 JAN 1834, John Mathis Headley quitclaimed all his remaining interest in the land that he owned to his brother, Samuel Benjamin Headley.¹⁰⁵ This is the last trace of John alive, so he must have died shortly after this. This concurs with the fact that Vernon Headley and Elvern Bacon Headley recorded that John Mathis Headley died circa 1835 of "exposure" in the Vernon Headley Family Record Collection, at the Atlantic County Historical Society, Collection Box 12-A. Because John sold all his estate, no probate or guardianship record was created to prove John's death date. Probate and guardianship records were only created when the deceased left behind an estate. John Mathis Headley and Samuel Benjamin Headley bought the land together on 29 AUG 1828, and they each owned one half equal share. After John's death, Samuel allowed Phoebe to live on the land for as long as she needed. The deed dated 17 JAN 1834 states that John M. Headley, and Phoebe, his wife, sold the land for \$440.00, to Samuel B. Headley. All parties were of Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey, and all the land that was sold was located in Stafford Township. The sale included the following areas: the first lot sold was on the east side of the road leading from Manahawkin to Tuckerton, by the corner of Edward Cranmer's dwelling house, to David Jones' line, containing a little over 12 acres; the second lot was woodlands that met at the corner of Samuel's land, that contained a little over 7 acres; the third lot was by Dr. Andrew Hamilton and Charles ____'s patent, which contained 9 acres; the fourth lot was marsh in the middle of Dinner Point Creek by Cranberry Bog, which contained 12 acres; the fifth lot was salt marsh that was in the same area aforementioned, which contained 8 acres; the sixth lot was marsh or meadow in the same area aforementioned, but towards the middle of Channel's Creek, which contained 3 acres. The deed was recorded 21 MAR 1835. Total land sold was slightly over 51 acres, plus the 18 acres that John sold to Edward Cranmer, and that equals a little over 69 acres of land. When John and Samuel originally bought the land on 29 AUG 1828, it was for a little over 134 acres of land. Half of 134 acres is 67 acres; thus, this proves that John sold all his land to his brother, Samuel, right before he died. John Mathis Headley must

¹⁰³ Monmouth Co., NJ, Minutes of Orphans Court Book I:21, John M. Headley, Guardian of Phebe Headley late Lamson, July Term 1833, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-893S-N4M6> : accessed 8 OCT 2021), DGS #5661179, image 20.

¹⁰⁴ Monmouth Co., NJ, Deed Book E3:548-550, Headley to Cranmer, 5 JAN 1834, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSY3-Y9D4-V> : accessed 8 OCT 2021), DGS #8350798, images 613-615,

¹⁰⁵ Monmouth Co., NJ, Deed Book H3:380-382, Headley to Headley, 17 JAN 1834, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSY3-1SFK-R> : accessed 8 OCT 2021), DGS #8350800, images 420-422.

have been ill for the entire year of 1834, never recovering, and he probably finally perished in the beginning of 1835, because Samuel went to have the deed recorded 21 MAR 1835.

On 6 NOV 1843, which was about 8 years after John Mathis Headley died, his brother, Samuel Benjamin Headley, sold the land in Stafford Township that they once owned together. The deed states that Samuel B. Headley, and Mary, his wife, of Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey, sold the land to John Cranmer (Hains), of Little Egg Harbor Township, Burlington County, New Jersey, for \$500.00.¹⁰⁶ The deed states that the land sold was a tract of land and farm in the neighborhood of Cranmertown, in Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey. It was located on the east side of the main road leading from Manahawkin to Tuckerton, by a corner of Edward Cranmer's house, to David Jones' line, with the exception of "a house and 2 acres of land formerly belonging to John M. Headley." The second tract of land sold was 70 acres of salt marsh and swamp, below Cranmertown, near the edge of Manahawkin Bay, by Dr. Hamilton's meadow. The deed states Samuel B. Headley and John M. Headley purchased this land from John Parker on 29 AUG 1828, and per quitclaim from John M. Headley and wife to Samuel B. Headley for the equal one half part on 17 JAN 1834, Samuel and wife, Mary, have the right to sell the land as an "absolute indefeasible estate of inheritance." At the time of this deed, John and Phoebe's son, Elwood, was 11 years old. Per the author's family, as told and written by Elvern Bacon Headley (the son of Elwood Headley), a few years after John Mathis Headley died, Phoebe removed to either Camden or Philadelphia and went to work as a seamstress, and she put young Elwood to work to learn the tailor's trade, but he grew sick, so later on Elwood was sent back to their hometown, to live with family.

On 23 MAR 1848, Phoebe married Thomas Elbersen of Manahawkin, as her second husband, in Camden, Camden County, New Jersey, per marriage license.¹⁰⁷ The marriage record has Phoebe's name recorded as "Phebe L. Headly." The "L" stood for her maiden name of "Lamson." Thomas Elbersen was the son of Joseph Elbersen and Rachel Bennett Elbersen (nee Letts). Per death certificate from New Jersey State Archives, in possession of the author, Thomas Elbersen was born in Manahawkin, and he died at the age of 52, on 23 MAY 1876 in Manahawkin, Stafford Township, Ocean County, New Jersey. His parents are listed as "Joseph and Rachel Elbersen." Thomas's headstone, which he shares with Phoebe, states he was born in 1822, and died in 1876, and this concurs with his death certificate.¹⁰⁸ Phoebe was about 8 years older than Thomas. In fact, Thomas was only about 10 years older than Phoebe's son, Elwood Headley, from her previous marriage to John Mathis Headley. Phoebe had the following children with Thomas Elbersen: Lewis H. Elbersen, Mary Malinda Pharo (nee Elbersen), Catharine "Kate" L. Elbersen, Samuel B. Elbersen, Benjamin Elbersen, Edward Elbersen, and Rachel Elbersen.

On 18 AUG 1852, Phoebe Ann Headley Elbersen (nee Lamson) and her siblings sold some of the land they inherited from their grandfather, Edward Lamson, Sr., as heirs of Edward Lamson, Jr., to Henry Lamson.¹⁰⁹ The deed mentions the division record which occurred after the death of Phoebe's grandfather and father. The following is an abstract of the deed, transcribed by the author:

¹⁰⁶ Monmouth Co., NJ, Deed Book K4:233-235, Headley to Cranmer (Hains), 6 NOV 1843, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSY3-236D-W> : accessed 10 OCT 2021), DGS #8350767, images 270-272.

¹⁰⁷ "Pennsylvania and New Jersey, U.S., Church and Town Records, 1669-2013," digital image s.v. "Phebe L. Headly," *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2451/images/40355_267592-00010 : accessed 10 OCT 2021). Original Data: The First Methodist Episcopal Church, Camden, NJ, Marriage and Baptismal Book, 1842-1859.

¹⁰⁸ Thomas Elbersen, headstone, Beach Avenue Cemetery, Manahawkin, Ocean County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. "Thomas Elbersen," *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/30094581/thomas-elbersen> : accessed 10 OCT 2021).

¹⁰⁹ Ocean Co., NJ, Deed Book 14:163-166, Lamson, et al., to Lamson, 18 AUG 1852, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C37Y-KS68-6> : accessed 11 OCT 2021), DGS #8591603, images 368-369.

18 AUG 1852: Benjamin Lamson, Solomon Lamson, Edith Worden, Mary Lamson, Thomas Elbersen and Phebe, his wife, to Henry Lamson, for \$250.00. All parties of Stafford Township, Ocean County, New Jersey. Land sold is in Stafford Township, on the east side of the road leading from Manahawkin to Tuckerton. The 1st tract is at the beginning of a stone on the 4th corner of a lot of land that William Cook purchased from Samuel Truax (many measurements listed) which contains 3 acres and 23/100 of an acre. The 2nd tract is woodland, it being Lot 11 in the Division between Edward Lamson, Sr., Edward Lamson, Jr., Matthias Lamson, and Samuel Lamson, beginning at the 2nd corner of Lot 10 in said Division (many measurements listed), which contains either 20 or 70 acres (handwriting is hard to interpret between 20 versus 70). The 3rd tract sold is one lot of cedar swamp on Cedar Run adjoining the road leading from Manahawkin to Tuckerton, beginning at a stone where formerly stood a persimmon tree near Cedar Run Bridge (many measurements listed) which contains 13 acres and 31/100 of an acre. The 4th tract sold is the equal one half part of a Lot of salt meadow called the Goose Pond Lot (many measurements listed) which contains 3 acres and 4/100 of an acre. The 5th tract sold is the one half equal part of salt meadow by Cedar Run Creek (many measurements listed) containing 2 acres and 88/100 of an acre.

Signed: Solomon E. Lamson, Benjamin S. Lamson, Edith B. Worden, Thomas Elbersen, Phebe L. Elbersen, Mary C. Lamson

Recorded: 4 JUN 1858.

Phoebe Ann Headley Elbersen (nee Lamson) died on 20 APR 1890, in Stafford Township, Ocean County, New Jersey, per death certificate.¹¹⁰ Her name was spelled incorrectly as “Phebe Elbin.” Her age at death was reported as age 76. Phoebe is buried in Beach Avenue Cemetery, Beach and Division Streets, Manahawkin, Stafford Township, Ocean County, New Jersey, and she shares her headstone with her 2nd husband, Thomas Elbersen.¹¹¹ Her headstone is engraved, “Nellie S. Dixon, Born 1865-Died 1920. Thomas Elbersen, Born 1822-Died 1876. Phebe Elbersen, Born 1814-Died 1890.”

63. Benjamin F. Headley, son of Samuel Benjamin Headley and Mary Headley (nee Foster), was born 29 SEP 1832 and died 22 JAN 1894, per his headstone in Greenwood Cemetery, Tuckerton, Ocean County, New Jersey.¹¹² Benjamin married Deborah Cordery, circa 1856. Deborah was the daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Cordery, who are buried in Absecon United Methodist Church Cemetery in Absecon, Atlantic County, New Jersey. Deborah was born 18 JAN 1832, and died 9 JAN 1901, per her headstone in Greenwood Cemetery.¹¹³ Benjamin and Deborah had a farm in Bass River Township, Burlington County, New Jersey, and they raised their 8 children there.

Benjamin and Deborah Headley (nee Cordery) had issue:

73. Parker C. Headley (1856-1920), m: Sarah Loveland (1860-1946), had issue. Parker and Sarah are buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Tuckerton, Ocean County, New Jersey.

74. Walter Headley, m: Ophelia Leek, had issue.

¹¹⁰ Phoebe Ann Headley Elbersen (nee Lamson), death certificate, 20 APR 1890, Stafford Township, Ocean Co., NJ; citation: 1889-1890. 79-E119, New Jersey State Archives. Her death record is also scanned to FamilySearch.org as a “locked” record, and can only be accessed from a Family History Center or affiliated library; copy in possession of the author. Phoebe’s name was spelled incorrectly as “Phebe Elbin.”

¹¹¹ Phoebe Ann Headley Elbersen (nee Lamson), headstone, Beach Avenue Cemetery, Manahawkin, Ocean County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. “Phoebe Ann Lamson Elbersen,” *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/30094590/phoebe-anne-elbersen> : accessed 11 OCT 2021).

¹¹² Benjamin F. Headley, headstone, Greenwood Cemetery, Tuckerton, Ocean County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. “Benjamin F. Headley,” *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/44917266/benjamin-f.-headley> : accessed 13 OCT 2021).

¹¹³ Deborah Headley (nee Cordery), headstone, Greenwood Cemetery, Tuckerton, Ocean County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. “Deborah Cordery Headley,” *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/44917276/deborah-headley> : accessed 13 OCT 2021).

75. Daniel C. Headley (1861-1922), m: Katie S. Ireland (1869-1932), had issue. They are both buried in Atlantic City Cemetery, Pleasantville, Atlantic County, New Jersey.

76. Laura Jane Headley (1865-1930), m: Caleb Napoleon Cavileer (1857-1934), had issue. Laura and Caleb are buried in Lower Bank Cemetery, Lower Bank, Burlington County, New Jersey. Of note, the late Mark Maxwell (1947-2021), a noted New Jersey historian, descends from this line. Mark Maxwell was Caleb and Laura's great-grandson. Mark was the former president of the Egg Harbor City Historical Society, and he was involved with the Atlantic County Roundtable. Mark added many memorials and headstone images to FindaGrave.com; in fact, that is how the author met Mark, and was surprised to find that they were "Headley" cousins. The author is eternally grateful that Mark took pictures of several family headstones when he did, as many of those headstones are now in very poor condition and unreadable. Mark's final resting spot is in Egg Harbor City Cemetery.¹¹⁴

77. Susan Helena Headley, m: Samuel Palmer, had issue.

78. Benjamin Franklin Headley, Jr. (1869-1943), m1: Lida Reynolds (1875-1924), had issue; m2: Minnie Bush (nee Boyle) (1879-1959). Benjamin and both of his wives are buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Tuckerton, Ocean County, New Jersey.

79. Harry Thomas Headley (1871-1938), m: Emma R. Sykes, had issue. Harry was a former Atlantic City commissioner. He is buried in the Atlantic City Cemetery, Pleasantville, Atlantic County, New Jersey.

80. Samuel Howard Headley (1874-1939), m: Mary Kathryn Morey (1875-1966), had issue. Samuel and Mary are buried in the Atlantic City Cemetery, Pleasantville, Atlantic County, New Jersey. Samuel owned a construction company and erected many notable buildings, including the Pennsylvania Avenue Fire Station and the Atlantic City Gas building. He had the Garden Pier built, and was in charge of the reconstruction of the Steel Pier. In 1908, he was elected to the Atlantic County Board of Freeholders, and in 1911, he was elected to City Council, to serve as chairman of the Finance Committee.

66. Samuel Collins Headley, son of Samuel Benjamin Headley and Mary Headley (nee Foster), was born circa 1841 in Burlington County, New Jersey. Per a letter written by Samuel's grandson, Ronald Charles Headley, Samuel served as a medical intern on the side of the Confederacy during the Civil War.¹¹⁵ Samuel lived in Tuckerton, and he was a boat builder and carpenter there. Tuckerton is in present day Ocean County, New Jersey. Per family records and pictures in possession of the author, Samuel built a large home circa 1880 in Tuckerton, which became the original Tuckerton Beacon location. He had originally built the home for his brother, Charles Montague Headley. The Tuckerton High School was built on the Samuel C. Headley woodlands, and the cranberry bogs, banks, and flood gates adjoined in the area of the rear of the high school. Many of Tuckerton's residents worked for Samuel in his woodlands and bogs. Samuel also built the first bungalow type building in Tuckerton in 1912. Samuel was married 3 times, and he had numerous children with his wives. His wives were: Helena Susannah Pharo, Lydia Sprague, and his distant cousin, Mary Elizabeth Mathis, who was nearly 35 years younger than him. Samuel's eldest son, Anthony Harris "Harry" Headley, became the mayor of Ocean City, New Jersey. Samuel died 15 JUL 1914, in his son Mayor Harry's automobile, on the way back to his home in Tuckerton. He is buried in West Creek Cemetery, West Creek, Ocean County, New Jersey.¹¹⁶

Samuel Collins Headley married his 1st wife, Helena Pharo, on 17 OCT 1868, Ocean County, New Jersey. Helena died 15 MAR 1874 and is buried in West Creek Cemetery. Samuel and Helena had issue:

¹¹⁴ Mark William Maxwell, memorial and headstone images, Egg Harbor City Cemetery, Egg Harbor City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. "Mark William Maxwell," *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/226044538/mark-william-maxwell> : accessed 13 OCT 2021).

¹¹⁵ Copy of letter in possession of the author. The original letter is in the Vernon Headley Family Records, Collection Box 12-A, Atlantic County Historical Society, Somers Point, New Jersey.

¹¹⁶ Samuel Collins Headley, headstone, West Creek Cemetery, Ocean County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. "Samuel Collins Headley," *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/78456582/samuel-collins-headley> : accessed 15 NOV 2021).

81. Anthony Harris “Harry” Headley (1869-1950), served twice as Mayor of Ocean City, for the terms of 1911-1915, and 1931-1935. Anthony was married twice, to Gertrude Lydia Price and Eunice Granger, but he never had children. Anthony and his 1st wife, Gertrude, are buried in Zion Cemetery, Bargaintown, Egg Harbor Township, Atlantic County, New Jersey.

82. Mariah Marion Headley (1870-1872), baby died young, buried in West Creek Cemetery.

83. Charles Headley (1872-1872), baby died young, buried in West Creek Cemetery.

Samuel Collins Headley married his 2nd wife, Lydia H. Sprague, in 1874, and she was previously married to John Rutter. Lydia had at least 2 children with John Rutter: Catherine “Kate” Rutter, and John Rutter, Jr. Lydia died in 1886 in Eagleswood, Ocean County, New Jersey. Samuel Collins Headley and 2nd wife Lydia H. Rutter (nee Sprague) had issue:

84. Charles Sprague Headley (1875-1945), marriage and issue unknown.

85. Eugene Headley, born circa 1877, marriage and issue unknown.

86. George Alfred Headley (1879-1912), married Christiana Chattin, and had issue. George is buried in the Atlantic City Cemetery.

Samuel Collins Headley married his 3rd wife, Mary Elizabeth Mathis, on 10 APR 1891 in Camden, Camden County, New Jersey. Mary was born 18 SEP 1874 in Bass River, Burlington County, New Jersey, the daughter of Aden and Margaretta Ophelia Mathis (nee Leek). Mary was much younger than Samuel, by about a little over 30 years. Samuel and Mary were distant cousins, through both the Headley and Mathis sides. Samuel and Mary had several children together. After Samuel died in 1914, Mary married Harry Lawrence Ireland, and they removed to Florida. Mary died 2 JUL 1936, in St. Petersburg, Florida, and she is buried in Royal Palm South Cemetery, Saint Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida. Samuel Collins Headley and 3rd wife, Mary Elizabeth Mathis, had issue:

87. Lydia Katherine Headley, m: William Ross, had issue.

88. Benjamin F. Headley, m: Milverna Doughty, issue unknown.

89. Leroy Headley, m: M. Katherine Tinscott, issue unknown.

90. Helena May Headley, m: John Brohn, issue unknown.

91. Samuel A. Headley, marriage and issue unknown.

92. Gertrude Elizabeth Headley, m: William VanFossen, issue unknown.

+93. Francis “Frank” Montague Headley, m: Marian Elizabeth Bye, had issue.

94. Lawrence Leslie Headley, m: Bertha Mae Varnadoe, had issue.

95. Baby died young.

96. Baby died young.

97. Baby died young.

72. Elwood T. Headley, son of John Mathis Headley and Phoebe Ann Headley Elbersen (nee Lamson), was born 12 AUG 1832, in the village of Waretown, Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey.¹¹⁷ Elwood Headley is the author’s 2nd great-grandfather. Elwood’s middle initial of “T” is found recorded in a church book in Atlantic City, but the author does not know what Elwood’s middle name was.¹¹⁸ When Elwood was about 3 years old, his

¹¹⁷ Elwood’s DOB is recorded several times within the Vernon Headley Family Records, Collection Box 12-A, Atlantic County Historical Society, by both his son and grandson. His DOB of 12 AUG 1832 is also recorded on his death certificate, which can be obtained from New Jersey State Archives; copy in possession of the author. Per notes by Elvern Bacon Headley (Elwood’s son), and in possession of the author, Elwood’s DOB is also recorded as 12 AUG 1832, and place of birth is recorded as Waretown. At the time of Elwood’s birth, Waretown was a village in Stafford Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey. Of note, this concurs with land records and other records of Elwood’s parents, which shows the family did indeed live in Stafford Township at the time of Elwood’s birth.

¹¹⁸ “New Jersey, U.S., United Methodist Church Records, 1800-1970,” digital image s.v. “Elwood J. Headley,” *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61176/images/43935_920600178_0524-00035 : accessed 9 DEC 2021). Original Data: St. Paul’s Church. Of note, Elwood’s middle initial is “T,” because the entry

father died. For several years, Elwood and his mother lived in a small home on his father's brother's land in Stafford Township. Elwood's father's brother was Samuel Benjamin Headley. Elwood and his mother ended up removing to either Camden or Philadelphia, and his mother got a job as a seamstress, and Elwood was apprenticed to a tailor. Elwood's grandson, Vernon Headley, wrote, "...to get away from the sea, Phoebe took the children to Philadelphia and appointed son Elwood to a tailor. Elwood was trained to cut and sew, and the tailor had him sitting cross legged in a store window sewing in the tailoring fashion of the day, which drew spectation to the window to see a small tow headed boy at work, being small for his age. Without exercise and lack of ventilation in this position, Elwood grew sickly. The family soon returned to Waretown."¹¹⁹

By the 1850 US Census, Elwood Headley, age 19, was found living with Charles and Sarah Bennett and family, in Union Township, Ocean County, New Jersey.¹²⁰ This area is now Barnegat Township, close to Waretown and Stafford Township. Charles Bennett's occupation was listed as a merchant tailor, and Elwood's occupation was listed as a tailor. Elwood's maternal grandmother was Catherine Lamson (nee Bennett), so the Bennett family he was living with were probably relatives. By this point in time, Elwood's mother had gotten married to Thomas Elberson, and she and Thomas were living in Stafford Township, which then had become a part of Ocean County, New Jersey.¹²¹ Elwood's mother's 1848 marriage record to Thomas Elberson, recorded in a church book, stated she was living in Camden at the time of her marriage, which is why the author thinks Elwood and his mother had left for Camden when he was young, and not Philadelphia, though either place is possible. It is also possible that Elwood lived with the person he was apprenticed to, while his mother lived in Camden.¹²²

Elwood worked as a tailor for quite some time. He also got a job working for a ship builder in Waretown, and worked as a carpenter. Per notes written by Elvern Bacon Headley (Elwood's son), he wrote, "...at that time, the area around Waretown was busy building ships used in the coastal trade; mainly brigantines. Elwood sailed in such a ship, a 60 ton vessel owned and operated by Captain Lamson, and on one trip, when they were carrying coal, a sudden storm arose. The ship was labored with the overload of coal, and the captain ordered the crew to shovel part of the load overboard until the ship was lightened and out of danger. This happened offshore of Atlantic City."¹²³

Elwood T. Headley married his 1st wife, Edith Brown, on 5 SEP 1852, in Ocean County, New Jersey, per marriage license.¹²⁴ Edith was born circa 1832, the daughter of Stephen and Edith Brown (nee Bennett). Edith and Elwood were actually distant cousins, because Edith's maternal grandparents, Samuel and Phoebe Bennett, were Elwood's

above Elwood's name is of Reverend Thomas Sovereign, and the cursive handwriting matches the "T" in "Thomas" to Elwood's middle initial. Reverend Thomas Sovereign can be found as a minister on the 1880 US Census for Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey.

¹¹⁹ Vernon Headley Family Records, Collection Box 12-A, Atlantic County Historical Society, Somers Point, New Jersey.

¹²⁰ 1850 United States Census, Union, Ocean County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. "Elwood Headly," *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8054/images/4201731_00126 : accessed 4 DEC 2021).

¹²¹ 1850 United States Census, Stafford, Ocean County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. "Phebe Elberson," *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8054/images/4201731_00089 : accessed 4 DEC 2021).

¹²² "New Jersey, U.S., United Methodist Church Records, 1800-1970," digital image s.v. "Phebe L. Headley," *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61176/images/43935_920600176_1849-00026 : accessed 4 DEC 2021).

¹²³ The notes were written by Elvern Bacon Headley and transcribed by his daughter, Helen Seitz. This was written in the funeral guest book at Elvern's funeral, in possession of the author's family. The author has uploaded the funeral book to *Archive.org*; see "Elvern Bacon Headley Funeral Book" (<https://archive.org/details/elvern-bacon-headley-funeral-book/mode/2up> : accessed 8 DEC 2021).

¹²⁴ "New Jersey, U.S., Marriage Records, 1670-1965," digital images s.v. "Elwood Headly," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61376/images/TH-1-9880-38745-56> : accessed 5 DEC 2021).

great-grandparents. Elwood and Edith had 7 children together. Per the notes written by Elvern Bacon Headley (Elwood's son), Elwood and Edith's first-born child, John, was born 10 AUG 1854, and their 2nd child, Garrison, was born 26 SEP 1856. Elvern wrote that Elwood and Edith were "hard pressed" at the time of Garrison's birth, so they gave Garrison to Edith's aunt to raise. Edith's aunt was Phoebe Camburn (nee Brown), and she was married to Captain Garrison Camburn. Per the notes, Elvern wrote that in a storm at sea, Captain Camburn's son Alfred was killed, so by giving Garrison to them to raise, it helped to fill a void created by the disaster, but also worked to the mutual advantage of the Headleys, as they were financially struggling at that time. Garrison lived with Elwood and Edith, but he was educated through the Camburns and became a building contractor, architect, and had a paint factory in Atlantic City, years later.¹²⁵

Elwood T. Headley and his 1st wife, Edith Brown, had issue:

- +98. John S. Headley, born 10 AUG 1854, m: Mary Sears, had issue.
- +99. Garrison Camburn Headley, born 26 SEP 1856, m: Alexena/Alexerine "Annie" F. Lear, had issue.
- +100. Phoebe Ann Headley, born 1 DEC 1858, m: Edgar Young, had issue.
- +101. Albert Atwood Headley, born 24 JAN 1861, m: Elizabeth Pollock, had issue.
- +102. William S. Headley, born 10 MAR 1863, m: Margretta "Maggie" Baker, had issue.
- +103. Elwood Alverson Headley, born 29 NOV 1865, m: Minnie Lee McElveen, had issue.
- 104. Martha M. Headley, born circa MAR 1870, Ocean County, New Jersey, per the 1870 US Census; baby died young.

During the Civil War, 1861-1865, Elwood was called to serve, but he did not want to join the military and leave his wife and young children. Elwood was able to scrounge up enough money to pay a substitute to serve in his place. Oral tradition in the author's family is that Elwood paid a substitute somewhere between \$300.00 to \$500.00 to serve in his place, which was a lot of money in those days.

In 1868, Elwood was elected Trustee at the Methodist and Presbyterian Church at Waretown.¹²⁶ Elwood's wife's aunt's husband, Captain Garrison Camburn, was also elected as a Trustee at that time.

Tragically, just a few short days before the Christmas of 1874, Elwood's wife Edith fell sick with pleurisy, and died 27 DEC 1874, per obituary.¹²⁷ Whoever recorded the church record after Edith's death, recorded her death date wrong; the church record was recorded that Edith died 11 JAN 1875 in Waretown, which was roughly 2 weeks after her actual death date.¹²⁸ The church record is correct regarding her parents, as it states Edith was the daughter of "Stephen and E. Brown."

In 1875, just a few months after Edith's death, Elwood took his children to Atlantic City, and he stayed there with his brother-in-law, Joseph Brown, on Mississippi and Arctic Avenues. Elwood went to work in expanding Atlantic City through his carpentry services, and he eventually built his first home there on Florida and Centennial Avenues. At that time, the city was all farmlands. Per notes written by Vernon Headley (Elwood's grandson), "...one tough job

¹²⁵ Elvern Bacon Headley Funeral Book, *Archive.org*.

¹²⁶ Edwin Salter, *A History of Monmouth and Ocean Counties, Embracing a Genealogical Record of Earliest Settlers in Monmouth and Ocean Counties and Their Descendants* (New Jersey, Bayonne: E. Gardner & Son, 1890), 399-400, digitized book s.v. "Elwood Headley," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/15434/>; accessed 8 DEC 2021).

¹²⁷ "Waretown." *New Jersey Courier*, Toms River, 31 DEC 1874, digital images, *NJCourier.TheOceanCountyLibrary.org* (<https://njcourier.theoceancountylibrary.org/sites/default/files/tmp/1874-12-31.pdf>; 5 DEC 2021).

¹²⁸ "New Jersey, U.S., United Methodist Church Records, 1800-1970," digital images s.v. "Edith Headly," *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61176/images/43935_920600176_1833-00311; accessed 6 DEC 2021).

was working on the Dennis Hotel, the old original one. It was made of wood, and grandpop said that the heavy timbers, which had to be installed by the carpenters, nearly broke their backs. He was glad to get done with that place.”¹²⁹

On 12 APR 1876, Elwood T. Headley married his 2nd wife, Ellen “Nellie” Maria Bacon, in Waretown, New Jersey, with Edward Boggs, Methodist Episcopal Minister, officiating, per marriage license.¹³⁰ Elwood and Ellen are the author’s 2nd great-grandparents. Elwood and Ellen were living in Atlantic City at the time of their marriage, so the record is filed with the Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, marriage records. The record states Elwood, a widower, was 44, and Ellen was 24. John Headley and Franklin Bacon are correctly listed as the bride and groom’s respective fathers. Per notes written by Elvern Bacon Headley (Elwood’s son) and transcribed by Helen Seitz (Elvern’s daughter), Ellen was born 25 MAR 1851.¹³¹ Ellen was born in either New York or New Jersey. While growing up, Ellen lived in Ellery, Chautauqua County, New York. She was working as a schoolteacher in Waretown, when she met Elwood. Ellen was the daughter of Franklin and Sarah Bacon (nee McGowan) of New York. Ellen’s father, Franklin Bacon, was also a schoolteacher, and he was born circa 1816 in Watertown, Jefferson County, New York. Ellen’s grandparents were Alanson and Aurelia/Amelia Bacon (nee Allen), and Edward and Azubah McGowan, who all ended up in Chautauqua County, New York. The author was told that Ellen was very close with her grandmother while growing up, and her grandmother taught her about real estate and banking, but the author does not know if that is in regard to her maternal or paternal grandmother. The author’s older relatives, now deceased, said that Ellen came from “old money,” but her lines have been difficult to trace. It is very likely that Ellen’s lines trace back to many of the first settlers in New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. Ellen did have a brother named Edwin Bacon, who was a Minister.

Elwood T. Headley and 2nd wife, Ellen “Nellie” Maria Headley (nee Bacon) had issue:

+105. Elvern Bacon Headley, born 27 MAR 1878, m: Ella Jeffries, had issue.

106. Edna M. Headley, born 23 NOV 1880, died 31 OCT 1881; born and died in Atlantic City.

+107. Deforest Alanson Headley, born 15 MAY 1882, m: Hannah Pettit, had issue.

108. Ada Headley, baby died young (stillbirth), on 8 JAN 1883-1884, Atlantic City.

109. Emroe Veret Headley, born 21 MAR 1887, died 2 AUG 1968; born and died in Atlantic City. Never married, no children.

+110. Violet Myrtle Headley, born 19 DEC 1897, had a son with Victor Stebbins (though it appears they were not married). Violet married Leroy Stewart.

A few years after Elwood married Ellen, the family really began to prosper. Per notes written by son Elvern, “Ellen was an enterprising woman in the days when money matters were left to the men. She saved money and invested in real estate. When a house mover, Rufus Booye, was moving a store building south on Arctic Avenue in Atlantic City, which was the property of J. Henry Mason, she asked him what he wanted for it. They agreed on \$1,800.00, and she told him to put the building on the northwest corner of Texas and Arctic Avenues, next to the old school. She rented it to Silas Lee, who opened a grocery store. Her son, Elvern, was a clerk there and learned the business, so she bought the store for him. When the city bought the land from them in 1907-1908, in order to build the new

¹²⁹ Copies of notes in possession of author; originals in the Vernon Headley Family Records, Collection Box 12-A, Atlantic County Historical Society. The author has transcribed the notes and uploaded the transcription to *Archive.org*; see “Vernon Headley Family Record Collection Notes Transcription” (<https://archive.org/details/vernon-headley-family-record-collection-notes-transcription/mode/2up> : accessed 8 DEC 2021).

¹³⁰ Marriage License in possession of the author. The record can be ordered from New Jersey State Archives, Vol. BP, p. 3, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey; also, it is scanned digitally to FamilySearch.org, but it can only be accessed from a Family History Center or affiliated library, as it is a “locked” record. A copy of the record is also in the Vernon Headley Family Records, Collection Box 12-A, Atlantic County Historical Society.

¹³¹ “Elvern Bacon Headley Funeral Book,” *Archive.org*.

Texas Avenue School, Elvern had the store building moved to 2522 Fairmount Avenue, a block away, where he conducted a grocery business for 50 years, and raised his family there. Ellen Headley had several other buildings in the neighborhood and collected rents from them, at a time when her husband had failed with age and was unable to work.” Elvern also wrote, “Elwood’s cousin, Job Headley, of Waretown, had moved to Atlantic City, too, and conducted a business with carriages and horses for beach riding. He lived on Arctic Avenue, near Florida Avenue. He was married to Hannah Camburn, daughter of Captain Camburn. Job was in debt to Richard Doughty of Absecon for a new barouche, and Elwood had endorsed his note. Job defaulted on the note, and Doughty would have sued Elwood, but the only property was the home, which was in Ellen’s name. Doughty recovered the barouche for the debt.”¹³²

On 2 APR 1888, Ellen bought a very large plot of land for \$1,500.00 from George and Hannah Hayday (nee Somers), in the area of Texas and Arctic Avenues, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey. Ellen, Elwood, and children made a new home there, complete with horses, cows, and a new cow barn. The cows were driven daily by Elwood’s older sons from his 1st marriage, beyond Boston and Arctic Avenues, to a pasture in a vacant land there. Two of his sons went on to conduct a dairy business in Atlantic City. The deed states that on 2 APR 1888, Hannah S. Hayday, and her husband, George Hayday, of Atlantic City, sold the land to Ellen M. Headley, wife of Elwood Headley, also of Atlantic City, for \$1,500.00. The land encompassed the areas of Texas and Arctic Avenues in Atlantic City, being a lot or piece of ground previously conveyed to Richard L. Somers by Simon Lake, Peter B. Risley, and others, by deed bearing date 14 SEP 1868, Atlantic County Deed Book K, page 244. Hannah (Somers) Hayday, by David Lake and Commissioners appointed to divide the estate of Richard L. Somers, deceased, dated 1872, and recorded in the Atlantic County Surrogate’s Office, in Bounds and Divisions Book A, page 374. The deed was recorded 24 MAY 1888.¹³³ The family lived here for several years, before the city bought the land from them circa 1907-1908 to build the Texas Avenue School. After the city bought their land, Elwood and Ellen removed to 115 North Iowa Avenue, in Atlantic City.

Religion played a large part in Elwood and Ellen’s lives. Elwood was a local preacher. Before Elwood met Ellen, he was elected as Trustee in 1868 at the Waretown Methodist Presbyterian Church. When Elwood came to Atlantic City, he continued to preach, and he was elected as Trustee and Steward at St. Paul’s Methodist Church on 7 OCT 1879.¹³⁴ St. Paul’s Church was located on Ohio and Arctic Avenues. Elwood also preached at Union Mission, when it was on Michigan and Baltic Avenues. In 1887, a lot was bought on Texas and Arctic Avenues, and Union Mission was moved there, and became Christ Methodist Protestant Church, where Elwood was a Charter Member.

Vernon Headley, grandson of Elwood and Ellen, wrote that Ellen was an avid reader, well educated, and handled many financial deals. She was described as being a small woman, not weighing more than 90 pounds. She was always full of talk and took great interest in her grandchildren. She was always busy, and she owned 2 houses and 2 stores, which she rented out. Ellen had a large collection of books, and unbeknownst to the family, she hid her money in her books. One day, the Headleys had a small fire, and the firemen came and threw her books on the fire to put it out, but all her hidden money exploded from the books. Their son, Emroe, stood ground over the pile, but he couldn’t prevent the onlookers from stealing the money that was exploding out of the books.¹³⁵ Interestingly, oral

¹³² Ibid.

¹³³ Atlantic Co., NJ, Deed Book 124:352-353, Hayday to Headley, 2 APR 1888, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C37Y-K991-P> : accessed 8 DEC 2021), DGS #8591125, image 548.

¹³⁴ “New Jersey, U.S., United Methodist Church Records, 1800-1970,” digital image s.v. “Elwood J. Headley,” Ancestry.com (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61176/images/43935_920600178_0524-00035 : accessed 9 DEC 2021). Original Data: St. Paul’s Church.

¹³⁵ Vernon Headley Family Records, Collection Box 12-A, Atlantic County Historical Society. Also, see “Vernon Headley Family Record Collection Notes Transcription,” *Archive.org*.

tradition in the author's more immediate family was that there was an ancestor that helped to fund the Revolution, and some of the Continental Paper he was given wound up with Elwood, and it was hidden in a trunk in Elwood and Ellen's attic. It is said that their children used to sneak and open the trunk, and use the notes as "play money," but it was all destroyed in a house fire. The author later found out that the ancestor who helped to fund the Revolution was the "Great" John Mathis of Little Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey. The author questions that if this story is accurate, then was the fire that Vernon wrote about at Elwood and Ellen's home, the fire that destroyed the Continental Paper passed down from the "Great" John Mathis? Incidentally, a distant cousin to the author, the late Ronald Charles Headley, shared an identical story, and he wrote that it was his father's line who ended up with the Continental Paper that was destroyed in a house fire, and it was his father who used the notes as "play money." Vernon Headley and Ronald Charles Headley were distant cousins that shared genealogical information of the family with each other, so it is possible the story could have gotten mixed up as it was passed down to the author. Either way, it appears there was Continental Paper passed down in one of the lines of the family, but unfortunately, the notes are now destroyed.¹³⁶

Elwood T. Headley died 18 NOV 1924, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, per death certificate.¹³⁷ The death certificate also states the following: Elwood's date of birth was 12 AUG 1832; he died at the age of 92 years, 3 months, and 6 days old; his birthplace was New Jersey; his wife was Ellen M. Bacon; his parents were John Headley and Phoebe A. Lamson, and both of their birthplaces are New Jersey; Elwood's wife, Ellen, was the informant; the place of burial was Pleasantville Cemetery; the date of burial was 22 NOV 1924; and the undertaker was Jeffries & Keates. Elwood's headstone, in the Atlantic City Cemetery, Pleasantville, is engraved as "Elwood Headley 1832-1924."¹³⁸ Elwood's funeral was held at Christ Methodist Protestant Church in Atlantic City. Vernon Headley (Elwood's grandson) was one of the pall bearers, along with his cousin, Elwood Headley, the 3rd.

Ellen "Nellie" Maria Headley (nee Bacon) died 6 Jan 1928, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, per death certificate.¹³⁹ Per notes written by Vernon Headley, Ellen's eyes were her downfall. She developed cataracts several years before her death, and she eventually went blind. There was no treatment for cataracts back then. Ellen would wait to hear for cars, and if she didn't hear any, she would dash across the street. On Sunday, New Year's Day of 1928, while crossing Pacific Avenue to go to church, she thought she didn't hear any cars, and attempted to cross the street to go to church, but she was hit by a jitney. The driver was blameless.¹⁴⁰ Ellen did not die until the 6th, which was 5 days after she was hit. Her death certificate states she was widowed, the wife of Elwood Headley; her date of birth was 25 MAR 1857; her birthplace was New Jersey; and her father was Franklin Bacon, born in New Jersey, but her mother's name was not given. Ellen's son, Emroe Headley, was the informant. The death certificate reports that she was 70 years, 2 months, and 19 days old. Her place of burial is the Pleasantville Cemetery, and her date of burial was 19 JAN 1928. Jeffries & Keates were the undertakers. Of note, per family records, her date of birth was recorded as 25 MAR 1851, and she was age 24 when she got married to Elwood on 12 APR 1876 (per marriage

¹³⁶ A letter dated 12 MAY 1992, written by Ronald Charles Headley, is in the Vernon Headley Family Records, Collection Box 12-A, Atlantic County Historical Society, and in that letter, Ronald wrote that his father ended up with the promissory notes from John Mathis, in his childhood, and that the notes became nothing more than "play money." Ronald wrote that his father said the notes were destroyed by a house fire. A copy of the letter is in possession of the author. The author has uploaded the images to *Archive.org*; see "The Ronald Charles Headley Research Binder" (<https://archive.org/details/the-ronald-charles-headley-research-binder/mode/2up> : accessed 10 DEC 2021).

¹³⁷ Elwood Headley, death certificate, 18 NOV 1924, New Jersey State Archives; copy in possession of the author.

¹³⁸ Elwood Headley, headstone, Atlantic City Cemetery, Pleasantville, Atlantic County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. "Elwood Headley," *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/178719876/elwood-headley> : accessed 10 DEC 2021).

¹³⁹ Ellen M. Headley, death certificate, 6 JAN 1928, New Jersey State Archives; copy in possession of the author.

¹⁴⁰ Vernon Headley Family Records, Collection Box 12-A, Atlantic County Historical Society.

license), so Emroe reported her birth year wrong. The correct date of birth for Ellen is 25 MAR 1851, so she was 76 years old when she died, not 70.

93. Francis “Frank” Montague Headley, son of Samuel Collins Headley and 3rd wife, Mary Elizabeth Mathis, was born 19 AUG 1905, at home on Green Street, in Tuckerton, Ocean County, New Jersey.¹⁴¹ Frank grew up in a house which overlooked the Old Methodist Cemetery, in Tuckerton, where his great-grandparents, John and Mary Headley (nee Mathis), are buried. The home was demolished around the year of 2020/2021. When Frank was 7 and 8 years old, he and his father built the wall that goes around the cemetery, from 1912-1913.¹⁴² Frank’s job was to mix mortar and carry stone. Circa 1928, Frank married Marian Elizabeth Bye, the daughter of LeRoy and Elizabeth Bye (nee Warren). They divorced several years later. Marian then married Joseph Paul Vanneman. Marian died in 1966, and she is buried in Gracelawn Memorial Park Cemetery in New Castle County, Delaware.¹⁴³ Frank died 13 FEB 1986, in Atlantic County, New Jersey.¹⁴⁴ Frank is buried in West Creek Cemetery.¹⁴⁵ Of note, Frank worked as a neon sign maker. In the 1940s, Frank completely rebuilt the sign for Simms Seafood Restaurant on the boardwalk in Ocean City, New Jersey. He had his son, Ronald Charles Headley, help him build the sign.¹⁴⁶ Simms Seafood Restaurant was located on the boardwalk, and on or near 8th street.

Francis “Frank” Montague Headley and Marian Elizabeth Headley (nee Bye) had issue:

+111. Ronald Charles Headley, m: Gertrude Ruth Ann Neville, no issue.

112. Marcia Jean Headley, m1: Leonard Carroll Neville, had issue. It appears she may have married a 2nd time, too.

98. John S. Headley, son of Elwood T. Headley and 1st wife, Edith Headley (nee Brown), was born 10 AUG 1854, in Waretown, Ocean County, New Jersey.¹⁴⁷ John worked as a house carpenter. John married Mary Sears on 30 APR 1881, in Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey. John died 25 MAY 1944, in Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, per death certificate.¹⁴⁸ Besides John’s death date and place of death, his death certificate states the following: he was born 10 AUG 1854, in Waretown, New Jersey; he was a retired carpenter; his parents were “Headley and Brown;” his parents were both born in New Jersey; Elsie Conover (his daughter) of 21 North Texas Avenue was the informant; his place of burial is in Pleasantville; he was buried on 29 MAY 1944; Jeffries & Keates were the undertakers; he was widowed; and lastly, his residence was 21 North Texas Avenue in Atlantic City. John lived to be 89 years, 9 months, and 15 days old.

John S. Headley and Mary Headley (nee Sears) had issue:

113. Margaret “Maggie” Headley, m: Raymond Lewis, had issue.

114. Maude Headley, m: Mark Robert Reed, had issue.

¹⁴¹ Frank wrote that he was born in a home on Green Street, which overlooked Old Methodist Cemetery, on notes transcribed by his son, Ronald, and now in possession of the author. See: “The Ronald Charles Headley Research Binder,” *Archive.org*.

¹⁴² The Ronald Charles Headley Research Binder, *Archive.org*.

¹⁴³ Marian Elizabeth Headley Vanneman (nee Bye), headstone, Gracelawn Memorial Park, New Castle, New Castle County, Delaware, digital image s.v. “Marian Elizabeth Bye Vanneman,” *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/35317950/marian-elizabeth-vanneman> : accessed 18 JAN 2022).

¹⁴⁴ The Ronald Charles Headley Research Binder, *Archive.org*.

¹⁴⁵ Francis Montague Headley, headstone, West Creek Cemetery, West Creek, Ocean County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. “Francis M. Headley,” *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/78456118/francis-m-headley> : accessed 18 JAN 2022).

¹⁴⁶ Ronald Charles Headley wrote that he and his father built the Simms Seafood Restaurant sign in a letter dated 29 NOV 1994, filed in the Vernon Headley Family Records, Collection Box 12-A, Atlantic County Historical Society.

¹⁴⁷ Vernon Headley Family Records, Collection Box 12-A, Atlantic County Historical Society.

¹⁴⁸ John S. Headley, death certificate, 25 MAY 1944, New Jersey State Archives; copy in possession of the author.

115. Elsie Headley, m: Theodore Conover, had issue.

99. Garrison "Garry" Camburn Headley, son of Elwood T. Headley and 1st wife, Edith Headley (nee Brown), was born 26 SEP 1856, Waretown, Ocean County, New Jersey.¹⁴⁹ Garrison's parents were financially struggling at the time he was born, so he was given to his mother's aunt to raise. His mother's aunt was Phoebe Camburn (nee Brown), wife of Captain Garrison Camburn. The Camburns lost their son to the sea around the time of Garrison's birth, so this helped to fill a void created by the disaster, and worked to the mutual advantage of the Headleys, who were hard-pressed at the time. Garrison was educated through the Camburns, but he lived with Elwood and Edith. Garrison was said to be "a big man, who was tall, broad, and enterprising." Garrison's half-nephew, Vernon Headley, wrote, "...one of Garrison's first ventures was a paint factory, he set up in Atlantic City, a little west of Arctic and Texas Avenues, which later became Mason's Terrace. My father was very young at the time, but he remembered the paint factory, since he fell playing around the machinery, and hurt his leg there. My father said there were buckets on conveyor chains that carried various materials which were dumped into a big tank, which mixed them with a revolving paddle. A steam engine that chugged along all day ran this contraption, which bothered my mother, who lived across the street. It was a small building with a roof that was mostly all open due to the smell. He sold 10 to 50 gallon drums of paint to painting contractors. The paint manufacturers of Philadelphia put him out of business, when they began to sell gallon cans at cheaper prices. Garrison also cut hay in the meadows with teams of horses all the way from Atlantic City to Leeds Point, and other times, he was a building contractor in the lumber business."¹⁵⁰ Vernon Headley was the son of Elvern Bacon Headley, who was half-brother to Garrison.

Garrison Camburn Headley married Alexena/Alexerene "Annie" Lear, the daughter of Charles and Jemima Lear (nee Moore). Garrison and Annie lived in Atlantic City for a while, then later removed to Leeds Point Road in Galloway Township. After living there for quite some time, they removed to Pleasantville. Annie died 4 AUG 1918, in Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, per death certificate.¹⁵¹ Garrison died 16 DEC 1938, in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, per death certificate.¹⁵² Garrison and Annie are buried in Pleasantville, New Jersey.

Garrison Camburn Headley and Alexena/Alexerene "Annie" Headley (nee Lear) had issue:

116. Mary Headley, m: James Allen Conover, had issue.

117. Leon Headley, m: Olive Higbee, had issue. Leon and Olive are buried in Leeds Point Community Church Cemetery, Leeds Point, Atlantic County, New Jersey.

118. Eugene Headley, m: Elvae Best, had issue. Eugene was tall, just like his father, at 6 feet 2 inches.

119. Emma Headley, m: Raymond Leeds, had issue.

120. Anna Jemima "Mima" Headley, m: Charles T. Mathis, had issue. Mima and Charles are buried in Leeds Point Community Church Cemetery.

100. Phoebe Ann Headley, daughter of Elwood T. Headley and 1st wife, Edith Headley (nee Brown), was born 10 NOV 1858, Waretown, Ocean County, New Jersey. Phoebe married Edgar Young on 25 AUG 1878, in Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey. Edgar Young was the son of Nicholas and Sarah Young (nee Adams). Edgar worked as a boatbuilder. Phoebe died 26 JUN 1948, in Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, per death

¹⁴⁹ Vernon Headley Family Records, Collection Box 12-A, Atlantic County Historical Society.

¹⁵⁰ Ibid. Also, see "Vernon Headley Family Record Collection Notes Transcription," *Archive.org*.

¹⁵¹ "Pennsylvania, U.S., Death Certificates, 1906-1968," digital image s.v. "Annie Headley," *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/5164/images/41381_2321306652_0615-02230 : accessed 18 JAN 2022).

¹⁵² "Pennsylvania, U.S., Death Certificates, 1906-1968," digital image s.v. "Garrison Headley," *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/5164/images/42342_2321306652_0673-02354 : accessed 18 JAN 2022).

certificate.¹⁵³ Phoebe and Edgar are buried in the Atlantic City Cemetery, Pleasantville, Atlantic County, New Jersey.

Edgar and Phoebe Young (nee Headley) had issue:

121. Edith Young (twin of Leonard), born 17 MAR 1879, m: Charles Platt Leek, had issue. Charles was a boatbuilder, and his company was called C.P. Leek & Sons, Inc., which later became Pacemaker Corporation. Before that, he formed Egg Harbor Boat Company, along with a few others. Edith and Charles are buried in Lower Bank Cemetery, Lower Bank, Burlington County, New Jersey.

122. Leonard "Leon" Young (twin of Edith), died young as a baby, buried in Absecon Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Absecon, Atlantic County, New Jersey.

123. Pearl Young (1883-1922), m: Nathaniel David Holton, had issue. Pearl died a young wife and mother, and she is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

124. Oscar Edgar Young, m: Harriet "Hattie" Davis Johnson, had issue. Oscar was a Fireman and boatbuilder.

125. Frank Young, m: Myrtle Thomas, issue unknown.

126. Bessie Young, m: Walter Leek, had issue.

127. Lora Young, baby died young.

128. Harriet "Hattie" Theresa Young.

101. Albert Atwood Headley, son of Elwood T. Headley and 1st wife, Edith Headley (nee Brown), was born 24 JAN 1861, Union Township, Ocean County, New Jersey. This area was referred to as "Waretown" by the locals. In the 1880s, Albert ran a dairy in Atlantic City with his younger brother, Elwood Alverson Headley. They traveled their milk route by horse and wagon, and sold dippers of milk from it. Albert's brother eventually sold out of the business, and Albert continued with it, but he did not prosper. On 26 DEC 1889, Albert married Elizabeth "Lizzie" J. Pollock, at St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.¹⁵⁴ Albert and Elizabeth lived in Atlantic City, and they raised their children there. Albert died 13 MAR 1921, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, per death certificate.¹⁵⁵ Albert and Elizabeth are buried in the Atlantic City Cemetery, Pleasantville, Atlantic County, New Jersey.

Albert Atwood Headley and Elizabeth J. Headley (nee Pollock) had issue:

129. Hazel Esper Headley (1891-1968), m: Samuel H. Jillson (1891-1963), had issue. They are buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Tuckerton, Ocean County, New Jersey.

130. Lottie May Headley (1893-1983), m: Frank R. Wible.

131. Frances "Fannie" B. Headley (1894-1961), m: T. J. Clayton Monroe, had issue. Fannie is buried in Green Mount Cemetery, West Goshen Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

132. Marie R. Headley (1897-1979), m: John H. W. C. Rutter, had issue.

102. William S. Headley, son of Elwood T. Headley and 1st wife, Edith Headley (nee Brown), was born 10 MAR 1863, Union Township, Ocean County, New Jersey. This area was referred to as "Waretown" by the locals. On 1 JUL 1883, William married Margaret "Maggie" F. Baker, in Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey.¹⁵⁶ Maggie

¹⁵³ Phoebe Ann Young (nee Headley), death certificate, 26 JUN 1948, New Jersey State Archives; copy in possession of the author.

¹⁵⁴ "Pennsylvania and New Jersey, U.S., Church and Town Records, 1669-2013," digital image s.v. "Albert A. Headley," *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2451/images/40355_267335-00430 : accessed 18 JAN 2022).

¹⁵⁵ Albert Atwood Headley, death certificate, 13 MAR 1921, New Jersey State Archives; copy in possession of the author.

¹⁵⁶ "New Jersey, U.S., United Methodist Church Records, 1800-1970," digital image s.v. "William S. Headley," *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61176/images/43935_920600178_0524-00149 : accessed 18 JAN 2022).

was the daughter of Jesse and Caroline Baker (nee Steelman), and she was born 29 APR 1856, per bible records.¹⁵⁷ William and Maggie lived in Atlantic City, and they raised their children there. William worked as a carpenter. William died 19 MAR 1921, in Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, per death certificate.¹⁵⁸ William and Maggie are buried in the Atlantic City Cemetery, Pleasantville, Atlantic County, New Jersey.¹⁵⁹

William S. Headley and Margaret "Maggie" F. Headley (nee Baker) had issue:

133. Herschel Morton Headley, m: May Anna Gibson.

134. Arthur Headley, m: Georgianna Williams.

135. Emma Lorne Headley, baby died young.

136. William Headley, baby died young.

103. Elwood Alverson Headley, son of Elwood T. Headley and 1st wife, Edith Headley (nee Brown), was born 29 Nov 1865, Union Township, Ocean County, New Jersey. As a young man, Elwood went to Alabama for a few years, and on 14 DEC 1890, he married Minnie Lee McElveen, in DeKalb County, Alabama, per marriage license.¹⁶⁰ Their 1st child was born in Alabama. They were back in New Jersey by 1895. Elwood's older brother, Albert Atwood Headley, had a dairy business, so Elwood went in as a partner with him. In 1898, milk inspectors began to crack down on the milk dealers in Atlantic City, for selling milk below the standard grade. Many milk dealers were using formalin and other adulterants to preserve the milk, which is toxic. Elwood was inspected, along with several other milk dealers. Formalin was found in all the samples.¹⁶¹ The author does not know whatever happened to that case, but he was allowed to continue on with the business. Elwood later sold out of his share of the business. Around 1915-1920, Elwood started a grocery store by Arctic and Iowa Avenues in Atlantic City. He did well, and his business prospered. After Elwood's death, the family sold the grocery to Arthur Handson, a butcher, and Arthur changed the grocery to a butcher shop. It was the only place to buy meat on the mainland. Elwood Alverson Headley died 2 MAY 1928, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, per death certificate.¹⁶² Minnie died 21 JAN 1951, Conshohocken, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, per death certificate.¹⁶³ Elwood and Minnie are buried in the Atlantic City Cemetery, Pleasantville, Atlantic County, New Jersey.

Vernon Headley, half-nephew of Elwood Alverson Headley, wrote, "Elwood Alverson Headley was a steady, industrious worker. He had a dairy in Atlantic City, with his brother, Albert Atwood Headley. He sold milk wholesale. I remember him at my father's store, bringing milk in larger dairy cans. They had no bottles or cartons

¹⁵⁷ Sarah A. Risley, comp./transcriber, *Bible Records of Atlantic County, New Jersey, Volume 2* (1919), 1A (Jesse A. Baker Bible Record), digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/424317-bible-records-of-atlantic-county-new-jersey-vol-2> : accessed 18 JAN 2022).

¹⁵⁸ William S. Headley, death certificate, 19 MAR 1921, New Jersey State Archives; copy in possession of the author.

¹⁵⁹ William S. Headley, headstone, Atlantic City Cemetery, Pleasantville, Atlantic County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. "William S. Headley," *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/167638140/william-s.-headley> : accessed 18 JAN 2022).

¹⁶⁰ Several images of the marriage license are available from *FamilySearch.org*; copy in possession of the author.

¹⁶¹ The author has an old newspaper clipping about Elwood Headley's milk being inspected for formalin, from an Atlantic City newspaper dated 24 SEP 1898, but the top half is cut off, so the author does not know the name of the newspaper in which this clipping is from.

¹⁶² "Pennsylvania, U.S., Death Certificates, 1906-1968," digital image s.v. "Elwood A. Headley," *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/5164/images/42342_2421406259_0616-02366 : accessed 19 JAN 2022).

¹⁶³ "Pennsylvania, U.S., Death Certificates, 1906-1968," digital image s.v. "Minnie Lee Headley," *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/5164/images/42410_3421606187_0690-02270 : accessed 19 JAN 2022).

then, and my father sold milk by the dipper. This method didn't last long, as the big milk companies came to town with bottled milk. Elwood, seeing my father's grocery business, sold his dairy and opened a store on Arctic Avenue by Iowa Avenue and prospered there. His children were Paul, who became the owner of Ventnor Photo Service, but died fairly young. His daughter, Kate, married Albert Keller. His son, Meredith, died fairly young. He had a son, Elwood, the 3rd, and another son, Robert, who was an electrician. Elwood, the 3rd, was the only athlete in the family. He made a name for himself at the Atlantic City High School, went to State Champions, then on to college, and played football there. He was a poor student, like most athletes, and returned to Atlantic City, where he spent years driving a Coca Cola truck in Atlantic City. He finally quit that and moved to Nashville, Tennessee. He had 2 sons; one was a doctor, and the other, a football tackler at Tennessee University, who died in the Vietnam War."¹⁶⁴

Elwood Alverson Headley and Minnie Lee Headley (nee McElveen) had issue:

137. Katherine "Katie" Lee Headley (1893-1969), m: Albert Currie Keller (1892-1959).

138. Paul William Headley (1897-1936), m: Marie _____. Paul served as Private in the Army during WW1. He was the owner of Ventnor Photo Service. He is buried in the Greenwood section of the Atlantic City Cemetery in Pleasantville, Atlantic County, New Jersey.

139. Meredith McElveen Headley (1906-1963), m: Sally Sophia Dackow Shank (1916-1988). Meredith served in the military during WW2, and he is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia.

140. Elwood Alverson Headley, Jr., the 3rd (1908-1982), m: Elizabeth Louise Glatterer (1914-2001), had issue. They removed to Tennessee.

141. Robert Headley (1911-1961), m: Dorothy McErlain. Robert was in the Navy during WW2. He is buried in the Greenwood section of the Atlantic City Cemetery, Pleasantville, Atlantic County, New Jersey.

105. Elvern Bacon Headley, son of Elwood T. Headley and 2nd wife, Ellen "Nellie" Maria Headley (nee Bacon), was born 27 MAR 1878, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey.¹⁶⁵ Elvern is the author's great-grandfather. Elvern was the 8th child born unto his father, and the 1st child born unto his mother. Elvern was of average height, a slender build, with blue eyes and slightly wavy, light brown hair. Elvern grew up in Atlantic City. It was passed down in the author's family that when Elvern was a young boy, he and his siblings would sometimes sneak into an attic trunk that belonged to his parents, and they would play with the Continental paper that was given to his 3rd great-grandfather, the "Great" John Mathis/Mathews, for helping to fund the Revolution. The children used the notes as play money. The author was told that the Continental paper was destroyed in a small house fire at Elvern's parent's home. Vernon Headley, son of Elvern Bacon Headley, wrote about a fire at Elvern's parent's house, but he did not mention anything about the Continental paper being destroyed.¹⁶⁶ With that said, another family member, Ronald Charles Headley, who is a distant cousin to Vernon Headley, claims an identical story, and he wrote it was his father who ended up with the notes that were destroyed in the house fire.¹⁶⁷ Leah Blackman, author of *History of Little Egg Harbor Township*, wrote of John Mathis funding the Revolution and receiving the Continental paper.¹⁶⁸ Leah Blackman was supplied information for her book from Mary Headley (nee Mathis), who was Elvern Bacon Headley's great-grandmother, and Ronald Charles Headley's 2nd great-grandmother.¹⁶⁹ Mary may have ended up

¹⁶⁴ Vernon Headley Family Records, Collection Box 12-A, Atlantic County Historical Society.

¹⁶⁵ "U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," digital image s.v. "Elvern Bacon Headley," *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6482/images/005217841_02854 : accessed 20 JAN 2022). Also, see "U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942," digital image s.v. "Elvern Bacon Headley," *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1002/images/2wwii_2383110-4238 : accessed 20 JAN 2022).

¹⁶⁶ Vernon Headley Family Records, Collection Box 12-A, Atlantic County Historical Society.

¹⁶⁷ Ibid. Ronald Charles Headley wrote about the Continental paper in a letter dated 12 MAY 1992, located in the Vernon Headley Family Records. Also, see "The Ronald Charles Headley Research Binder," *Archive.org*.

¹⁶⁸ *Proceedings, Constitution, By-Laws, List of Members of the Surveyor's Association of West New Jersey*, article by Blackman, *History of Little Egg Harbor*, 310.

¹⁶⁹ Ibid., 319.

with some of the Continental paper, as she lived to the ripe old age of 94, and outlived many family members, so the notes may have been passed down through her.

As a teen, Elvern Bacon Headley worked as a clerk in a grocery store in Atlantic City, in a building owned by his mother, located at 115 North Texas Avenue, which she rented out to Silas Lee. Elvern learned the business and enjoyed it, so his mother bought the store for him. The store was moved around the corner to 2527 Fairmount Avenue. Around 1907-1908, the city bought Elvern and his mother's property to build the Texas Avenue School, which still stands today. On 10 FEB 1908, Elvern bought a new plot of land, located at 2522 Fairmount Avenue, Atlantic City, for \$2,250.00, from Obadiah and Harriet Reed, and he moved the grocery there.¹⁷⁰ Elvern continued the grocery for 50 years and raised his family above the store. The store was called "E.B. Headley Grocery Store."

On 15 OCT 1902, Elvern Bacon Headley married Ella Jeffries, at Christ Methodist Protestant Church, in Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, with Reverend Charles D. Sinkinson officiating.¹⁷¹ The marriage license states: Elvern Bacon Headley, who lives at Texas and Arctic Avenues, Atlantic City, New Jersey, age 24, a Grocer, born in New Jersey, son of Elwood Headley, born in New Jersey, and Nellie M. Bacon, born in New Jersey, is marrying Ella Jeffries, of Steelmanville, Atlantic County, New Jersey, born in New Jersey, age 21, daughter of Walter Jeffries and Annie Mason (Ella's father's full name is Daniel Walter Jeffries, but he went by his middle name of "Walter," and Ella's mother's proper name was Nancy, but she went by "Annie," which is the old nickname for the proper name of Nancy); both parents born in New Jersey. This was both Ella's and Elvern's first marriage. 15 OCT 1902 is the marriage date, on Belmont and Paupe in Atlantic City, in the presence of Mrs. C. D. Sinkinson, officiated by C. D. Sinkinson of Christ Methodist Protestant Church, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey.

Elvern Bacon Headley and Ella Jeffries are the author's great-grandparents. Ella was the daughter of Daniel Walter Jeffries and Nancy "Annie" Jeffries (nee Mason) of Steelmanville, Egg Harbor Township, Atlantic County, New Jersey. Ella grew up on Ocean Heights Avenue in Steelmanville, in a home built by her father. Her father was a bayman and carpenter. She was a pretty girl, with auburn colored hair. After Ella finished school, she worked as a seamstress. She was hired by Evan J. Parsells, a wealthy gentleman that lived on South Indiana Avenue, in Atlantic City. Ella lived in his home, and she worked there as a housemaid with another girl, which led to her meeting Elvern. Ella was born 10 SEP 1881, Egg Harbor Township, Atlantic County, New Jersey, per birth certificate.¹⁷² Ella told the author's family that her birth name was "Alma," but she did not like that name, so she changed it to "Ella." She was named after her father's sister, Alma Smith (nee Jeffries). Ella has a most fascinating lineage, and all descendants of Ella can join The National Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR/SAR) for the following two Patriots: Nathaniel Risley and Jeremiah Risley, of Great Egg Harbor Township, Gloucester County, New Jersey. The author has found all legal documentation to prove birth/death dates, generation connections, and military services, which includes using land records from within the Gloucester County and Atlantic County Deed Books. Ella's grandmother was Hannah Jeffries (nee Risley), daughter of Samuel and Mary "Polly" Risley (nee Stebbins). Nathaniel Risley was Ella's 2nd great-grandfather, and he served as Private in the Gloucester County, New Jersey Militia, during the Revolution. He was married to Sarah Steelman, daughter of Peter and Sarah Steelman (nee Beaston). Jeremiah Risley was Ella's 3rd great-grandfather, and he served as Lieutenant in the

¹⁷⁰ Original deed in the Vernon Headley Family Records, Collection Box 12-A, Atlantic County Historical Society; copy in possession of the author.

¹⁷¹ Copy of Marriage License in possession of the author; obtained from New Jersey State Archives.

¹⁷² Birth certificate in possession of the author. Ella's birth name was "Alma," so the record is filed under "Alma Jeffries." It can be obtained from FamilySearch.org, but only while at a Family History Center or affiliated library, as it is a "locked" record. It can also be obtained from New Jersey State Archives. Ella's birth is recorded on birth ledger, and it states the following: Alma Jeffries was born in Egg Harbor Township, Atlantic County, New Jersey, 10 SEP 1881. Her father, age 25, a Bayman, is listed as "Walter Jeffries." Ella's father's full name was "Daniel Walter Jeffries," but he went by his middle name, "Walter." Her mother, age 24, was listed as "Mason," which was her mother's maiden name. Her parents are listed as having 2 previous children, with only 1 living.

Gloucester County, New Jersey Militia, during the Revolution. Jeremiah Risley was married to Margaret Doughty. The Risley line continues back to the immigrant Richard Risley, one of the founders of Hartford, Connecticut, who came to the New World during the 17th century from England. The Steelman line continues back to Hans Mansson, a convict servant that came to the New World from Sweden during the 17th Century. Also, the Steelman line continues back to Oloeff Stille, a prominent early Swedish settler that also came to the New World during the 17th century, and first settled near Ridley Creek, in present day Eddystone, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Ridley Creek was originally called "Oloeff Stille's Priest." Ella is a descendant of another Patriot, too, named John W. Jeffries, who served as Private in the Gloucester County, New Jersey Militia, during the Revolution. Private John W. Jeffries, Sr., was Ella's 2nd great-grandfather. He was married to Judith Steelman, daughter of Andrew Steelman and Hannah Steelman Scull (nee Ingersoll), so Ella is a Steelman descendant on that line, too.

Elvern Bacon Headley and Ella Headley (nee Jeffries) had issue:

142. Dorothy "Dottie" Gladys Headley, b: 29 JUL 1903, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, m: George Miller, no issue.

+143. Vernon Irving Headley aka Vernell Irving Headley, b: 7 NOV 1905, m1: Harriet "Hattie" Dito, had issue; m2: Regina "Jeanne" Boyle; no issue.

+144. Helen Marie Headley, b: 17 APR 1908, m: Edward Seitz, had issue.

145. Mildred Mae Headley, b: 7 FEB 1911, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, m1: Thomas Koehler Brady, had issue; m2: Louis T. Brody, no issue. Mildred removed to Maryland, and she died 30 APR 2001, at the age of 90.

146. Elverna "Vernie" Bernice Headley, b: 19 MAY 1914, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, m: George William Van Dyke (1913-1989), had issue. Elverna died in 2017, in New Jersey, at the impressive age of 102 or 103 years old.

147. Ruth Perla Headley, b: 13 MAY 1917, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, m: George Haines Naylor (1914-1987), had issue. Ruth died 28 DEC 1970, Somers Point, Atlantic County, New Jersey. George and Ruth are buried in the Greenwood section of the Atlantic City Cemetery, Pleasantville, Atlantic County, New Jersey, in Section A, Lot #161. Greenwood Cemetery and the Atlantic City Cemetery are one cemetery, but separated by Washington Avenue in Pleasantville. On FindaGrave.com, they are listed as two separate cemeteries.

Elvern and Ella's son, Vernon Headley, recorded his memories of growing up on 2522 Fairmount Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey, in his notes that were donated to the Atlantic County Historical Society. Vernon wrote, "...after the store property was moved to Fairmount Avenue, additions and many alterations were made over the years, mostly early done by my grandfather, for my father. The room directly in the back of the store was used by my father to store the surplus goods he bought; barrels and bags and canned goods. He lived first in the back part. The room in the back of the storage room was the living room, dining room, and kitchen all in one, and a stairway led to the upstairs backroom. Going up from the Fairmount Terrace side, he had a back porch which housed a privy on the Texas Avenue side. In the summer, we ate many times on the back porch. Another privy in front of ours, opening up to the Texas Avenue side alley, was used by the people, the Truitts, who rented the rest of the upper floor with the storage on the Texas Avenue side. There were no bathrooms, and our lighting was by oil lamps at first, replaced by gas jets and globes, and eventually electricity was installed. Our heat was supplied by a wood stove, which we could move around, convenient because father sold kerosene from a tank in the store, and sold coal from a coal bin on Fairmount Terrace. I chopped many leftover boxes for firewood in our wood stove. There was no other heat in the house. When the gas lights grew dim, we had to rush into the store to get a quarter, rush back to climb on a chair along the kitchen wall, and put a quarter into the meter slot overhead to restore the gas flow. Gas mantles were required. Two incidents stick in my mind about the old stairway. My mother woke up my father and told him a burglar was breaking in the downstairs window. My father lit the oil lamp, got his revolver, and headed down the stairs with a gun in one hand, and an oil lamp in the other, a perfect target for anyone at the window. However, it was enough to chase anyone away. Another time, my sister Dot and I were fighting at the top of the stairs, and she pushed me down the stairs, and I landed at the bottom without harm. The Truitts moved out and mom took

possession of the upstairs rooms. The old stairway was done away with, the open flooring was boarded over, a doorway was made from the store room, which became our living room second floor just in time, as our family was growing. The grocery storage room became the living room, and the back room was divided by a new wall into the dining room and kitchen. Eventually, a bathroom was installed upstairs, and was walled off from the old back bedroom. The kitchen lost more space to a new hot oil burner, as hot water radiators were installed in the whole house. Many cold mornings upon getting up in the morning, we would grab our clothing and rush downstairs to the hot wood stove, before putting on our clothes.”¹⁷³

Elvern and Ella’s granddaughter, Dorothy “Dottie” Cioeta Hanson (nee Seitz), shared correspondence with Vernon, who was her uncle. She wrote that Ella used to save her cantaloupe rinds and drink her coffee from them.¹⁷⁴ Robert “Bobby” Seitz, grandson of Elvern and Ella, told the author that he remembered when visiting Ella as a young boy, that she would have him go to the beach and dig his hands in the sand at the ocean’s edge to catch coquina clams. She would cook them up and serve them for dinner. Bob said he did not enjoy that meal, as it was like chewing on rubber. In those days, the people of Atlantic City were very thrifty, and nothing went to waste.

Elvern Bacon Headley was a deeply religious man. The author was told that there were permanent dents in the flooring beside his bed, where he prayed every night. Elvern and Ella’s daughter, Helen Seitz, wrote, “A stirring memoriam was given by the former pastor of Christ Methodist Protestant Church by Reverend H.W. Bland Detwiler, retired, in loving memory of Elvern B. Headley, who told how he went all over town collecting money to keep the church from closing its doors. Due to the Depression at the time, there was no money in Atlantic City. Scrip was being used for cash. He told of Elvern B. Headley’s dedication to God and church, and how this man of God lived and moved around this city. Surely no one could say he was not a dedicated and devoted Christian gentleman. My father, Elvern B. Headley. Signed: His loving daughter, Helen M. Seitz.”¹⁷⁵ Helen wrote that in the guest book used at Elvern’s funeral, and the book is in possession of the author’s family.

Elvern Bacon Headley died 19 FEB 1968, at the Atlantic City Hospital, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, per death certificate.¹⁷⁶ Elvern’s parents are correctly listed on the death certificate as “Elwood Headley and Ellen Bacon.” Elvern lived to be 89 years old. Ella Headley (nee Jeffries) died 5 MAY 1972, Sunnyside Farms Nursing Home, Wall Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey, per death certificate.¹⁷⁷ Ella’s parents are correctly listed on her death certificate as “Daniel Walter Jeffries and Nancy Mason.” Ella lived to be 90 years old. Elvern and Ella are buried in the Atlantic City Cemetery, Pleasantville, Atlantic County, New Jersey.¹⁷⁸ They share a headstone together, and it is engraved as “HEADLEY - Ella J. 1881-1972 - Elvern B. 1878-1968.”

107. Deforest Alanson Headley, son of Elwood T. Headley and 2nd wife, Ellen “Nellie” Maria Headley (nee Bacon), was born 15 MAY 1882, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey.¹⁷⁹ Deforest was given his middle name in honor of his maternal great-grandfather, Alanson Bacon, who came to Chautauqua County, New York, from Connecticut. Deforest was a tall, slender man, with dark hair and eyes. In 1909, Deforest married Hannah Pettit

¹⁷³ Vernon Headley Family Records, Collection Box 12-A, Atlantic County Historical Society.

¹⁷⁴ Ibid.

¹⁷⁵ Elvern Bacon Headley Funeral Book, *Archive.org*.

¹⁷⁶ Elvern Bacon Headley’s death certificate can be ordered from the New Jersey Department of Health, the Office of Vital Statistics and Registry; copy in possession of the author.

¹⁷⁷ Ella Headley (nee Jeffries)’s death certificate can be ordered from the New Jersey Department of Health, the Office of Vital Statistics and Registry; copy in possession of the author.

¹⁷⁸ Elvern Bacon Headley, headstone, Atlantic City Cemetery, Pleasantville, Atlantic County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. “Elvern Bacon Headley,” *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/192798547/elvern-bacon-headley> : accessed 21 JAN 2022).

¹⁷⁹ “U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942,” digital image s.v. “Deforest A. Headley,” *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1002/images/2wwii_2383035-1532 : accessed 22 JAN 2022).

in New Jersey. They removed from Atlantic City to Millville City, Cumberland County, New Jersey. Their home address was 721 North 2nd Street, in Millville. Many Headley/Mathis descendants either got the light hair/blue eyes/average stature gene, or the dark hair/dark eyes/very tall/broad gene, which may trace back to Alice Higby/Higbee Mathis/Mathews (nee Andrews), as she was described as being a tall, broad, strong woman, with black hair and eyes, “just like her father.” Deforest’s sons were all over 6 feet tall. His son, Deforest, Jr., was 6 feet 8 inches tall, and broad. His son, Harry, was 6 feet 4 inches, but slim. Another son, Edwin, was 6 feet 3 inches. His sons, Everett and Emroe, were both 6 feet 2 inches. Deforest died 29 NOV 1942, Millville, Cumberland County, New Jersey, per death certificate.¹⁸⁰ Hannah, his wife, died in 1956. They are buried in either Greenwood Memorial Park in Millville, or the Greenwood Section of the Atlantic City Cemetery in Pleasantville.

Deforest Alanson Headley and Hannah Headley (nee Pettit) had issue:

- 148. Deforest Addison Headley, b: 9 MAY 1911, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey. Died 1967. Never married, no issue. Burial in Greenwood Memorial Park, Millville, Cumberland County, New Jersey.
- 149. Willa M. Headley, b: 9 JUN 1912, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, d: 4 MAY 1994. Never married, no issue. Burial in Greenwood Memorial Park.
- 150. Edwin Jerris Headley, b: 19 JAN 1914, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, d: 12 APR 1996, m: Dorothy Simpkins (1917-2012), had issue. Burial in Greenwood Memorial Park.
- 151. Violet Headley, b: 21 AUG 1915, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, d: 5 JAN 1999. Never married, no issue. Burial in Greenwood Memorial Park.
- 152. Harry Lewis Headley, b: 16 JAN 1917, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, d: 1982, m: Jean ____, had issue. Burial in Greenwood Memorial Park. Harry was a WW2 Army Veteran.
- 153. Everett William Headley, b: 27 DEC 1919, Millville, Cumberland County, New Jersey, d: 1979, m: Helen Gebhart, had issue. Burial in Greenwood Memorial Park. Everett was a WW2 Army Veteran.
- 154. Emroe Biretto Veret Headley, b: 22 JUN 1923, Millville, Cumberland County, New Jersey, d: 5 APR 2003, m: Betty Jean Ash, had issue. Emroe was named after his father’s brother, Emroe Veret Headley. Emroe was a WW2 Army Veteran.

110. Violet Myrtle Headley, daughter of Elwood T. Headley and 2nd wife, Ellen “Nellie” Maria Headley (nee Bacon), was born 19 DEC 1897, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey.¹⁸¹ On 4 AUG 1922, Violet had her 1st child, a boy, and she named him Merle Headley Stebbins. Merle’s father was one of the sons of George and Anna Stebbins of Ventnor City. His father may have been Victor Carlyle Stebbins. It does not appear that Violet was married when Merle was born. At some point, Violet married Leroy Stewart. She also had another baby that died young, per family records, but the author does not know who the father of that baby was, but it was probably Leroy Stewart’s baby.¹⁸² Violet fell ill with tuberculosis and died young, at the age of 32. In those days, patients with the disease were sent to tuberculosis sanatoriums. Violet lived with tuberculosis for a little over 2 years, and she died 19 SEP 1930 at the Atlantic County Hospital for Tuberculosis Diseases, Northfield, Atlantic County, New Jersey, per death certificate.¹⁸³ It has been difficult piecing together Violet’s history, but Merle Headley Stebbins was definitely her son, because he signed Elvern Bacon Headley’s funeral book, and the author’s grandmother wrote that Merle

¹⁸⁰ Death certificate in possession of the author; obtained from New Jersey State Archives.

¹⁸¹ The author is in possession of a copy of the birth ledger which has Violet’s DOB and place of birth recorded. The “first name” section is blank, but the record states her parents’ names as “Elwood Headley and Nellie Bacon,” and the DOB on the record of 19 DEC 1897 is the same DOB recorded on her death certificate (filed at New Jersey State Archives), so this is her birth record. The record is a locked record and can only be accessed from computers at a Family History Center or affiliated library, or New Jersey State Archives.

¹⁸² Vernon Headley Family Records, Collection Box 12-A, Atlantic County Historical Society.

¹⁸³ New Jersey State Archives, copy of death certificate in possession of the author.

was Violet's son, next to his signature.¹⁸⁴ Elvern Bacon Headley was Violet's brother. Merle was only 8 years old when she died. Violet is buried in the Atlantic City Cemetery, Pleasantville, Atlantic County, New Jersey.

Violet Myrtle Stewart (nee Headley) had issue:

155. Merle Headley Stebbins, b: 4 AUG 1922, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, d: 16 OCT 1977, Ventnor, Atlantic County, New Jersey, m: Mabel Elizabeth Wilson, had issue. Merle worked as a police officer for the Ventnor Police Department.

156. Baby died young.

111. Ronald Charles Headley, son of Francis "Frank" Montague Headley and Marian Elizabeth Headley Vanneman (nee Bye), was born 24 JUL 1930, at 1529 Madison Avenue, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, per birth certificate.¹⁸⁵ Ronald married Gertrude Ruth Ann Neville on 14 APR 1957, per his notes on an ancestor chart he created.¹⁸⁶ Gertrude was born 6 AUG 1918, Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware, the daughter of Charles Edward Neville and Helen Neville (nee Lange), per birth certificate.¹⁸⁷ Gertrude was about 12 years older than Ronald. Ronald and Gertrude never had children. They removed to Grand Island, New York. Ronald's sister, Marcia, married Gertrude's brother, Leonard Carroll Neville. Gertrude died 7 MAR 1995, Tonawanda, Erie County, New York, per death certificate.¹⁸⁸ Ronald died 15 APR 2018, per headstone. He was 88 years old. Both he and his wife, Gertrude, are buried in Maple Grove Cemetery in Grand Island, Erie County, New York.¹⁸⁹

Ronald was a United States Navy radarman during the Korean War. He obtained his Master's Degree in Engineering from the University of Delaware, and became the head Electrical Engineer at DuPont in Niagara Falls. He invented a laser trimming process, which El DuPont de Nemours and Company filed a patent for, with credit to Ronald as the inventor, and it is filed as: Process of film resistor laser trimming and composition of removable coating used therein, US4146673A; filed 27 OCT 1977. Ronald was an avid genealogist. He was particularly interested in tracing the Headley origins. Ronald theorized that the Headleys might connect back to Richard Headley, who came to the New World from England during the 17th century and settled in New York. Richard Headley was born circa 1642 in England, and died shortly after 1709 in Mamaroneck, Westchester County, New York. Some of his sons removed to New Jersey. Ronald traveled to many historical societies, and he was in touch with many authors, historians, and other family researchers. Ronald was a lifetime member of the Atlantic County Historical Society in Somers Point, New Jersey. Ronald is a distant cousin to the author, and also to the author's great uncle, Vernon Headley. After Vernon Headley's death, his records were donated to the Atlantic County Historical Society, but the family kept the Headley records. Ronald wound up with many of Vernon's records. Unfortunately, after Ronald died, everything in his home was thrown out except for one binder of research, which his neighbor saved, and mailed to the author. Whatever was not in the binder, was destroyed.

Within the Vernon Headley Family Records at the Atlantic County Historical Society, is correspondence from Ronald. Ronald wrote that his father told him that his family had some of the Continental paper that was given to the "Great" John Mathis, of Little Egg Harbor Township, for funding the Revolution. In a letter dated 12 MAY 1992, Ronald wrote, "To the best of my present knowledge, most of the current day Headleys born in Atlantic County were either 19th century emigrants or have direct ancestral ties to pre-Revolutionary Headleys who first settled in

¹⁸⁴ Elvern Bacon Headley Funeral Book, *Archive.org*.

¹⁸⁵ The Ronald Charles Headley Research Binder, *Archive.org*. Copy of birth certificate in possession of the author.

¹⁸⁶ The Ronald Charles Headley Research Binder, *Archive.org*.

¹⁸⁷ Ibid. Copy of birth certificate in possession of the author.

¹⁸⁸ Ibid. Copy of death certificate in possession of the author.

¹⁸⁹ Ronald Charles Headley, headstone, Maple Grove Cemetery, Erie County, New York, digital image s.v. "Ronald Charles Headley," *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/216499963/ronald-charles-headley> : accessed 29 JAN 2022).

Essex and Sussex Counties, New Jersey. Many of the Atlantic County Headleys, including Vernon and myself, have a definitely known ancestor in a John Headley, born in 1768, our mutual great-great-grandfather. He, John, was fortunate enough to marry a most remarkable woman: Mary Mathis, a granddaughter of the “Great” John Mathis of Little Egg Harbor Township. The “Great” John Mathis was possibly one of the most prominent, wealthy men of Revolutionary times. He apparently helped finance Washington’s Continental Army in exchange for promissory notes bearing George Washington’s signature. Those promissory notes, found in an attic trunk during my own father’s boyhood back in 1910, were no more than play money to him and his many brothers and sisters. My father once told me that what was left of that “play money” was destroyed by a house fire. As for Mary, my great-great grandmother, she lived to be 95, and even in the latest years of her life, apparently retained remarkable powers of memory and expressiveness. Leah Blackman, in her noteworthy book, “History of Little Egg Harbor Township,” specifically mentions Mary (Mathis) Headley as having been a most valuable source of reliable information in the writing of this book. Leah Blackman apparently thought enough of this woman to even include a passage lamenting the loss of such a knowledgeable person. John Headley and Mary Mathis both lived into their 90s, and are buried in a little Tuckerton cemetery, side by side. They died circa 1860. Many of the descendants of their 9 children moved into Atlantic County in later years to find employment in Atlantic City, or nearby.”¹⁹⁰

143. Vernon Irving Headley aka Vernell Irving Headley, son of Elvern Bacon Headley and Ella Headley (nee Jeffries), was born 7 NOV 1905, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey. Vernon’s birth name was Vernell, but he changed it to Vernon “for business reasons.” Vernon worked as a public accountant. Many people confused the name “Vernell” as a feminine name, and in that era, people only wanted a male accountant, so that led to the name change. Vernon was married twice. His 1st wife was Harriet “Hattie” E. Dito (1905-1959). His 2nd wife was Regina “Jeanne” Boyle. Vernon married his 2nd wife in 1960. He only had children with his 1st wife. Vernon died 19 OCT 1991, Pleasantville, Atlantic County, New Jersey. Vernon and Hattie are buried in the Atlantic City Cemetery, Pleasantville, Atlantic County, New Jersey.¹⁹¹ They share a headstone together, and it is engraved, “HEADLEY. Vernon 1905-1991, Harriet E. 1905-1959.” Vernon was very much into researching the family’s history. He was fascinated that his ancestry held such deep roots in America. After Vernon’s death, his files were donated to the Atlantic County Historical Society, and they are stored there in Collection Box 12-A. Also donated, was a giant collection of thousands of index cards with genealogical information, which are in a library card catalog there. The author’s parents saw Vernon’s files before they were donated, and they were massive. His records took up “his entire dining room table.” In the 1960s, Vernon hired researchers from Daughters of the American Revolution to research the family, and correspondence is within his files. Everything he had was donated, except the Headley records. As previously mentioned, the Headley records wound up with a distant cousin in New York, named Ronald Charles Headley. Unfortunately, after Ronald’s death, everything was thrown out, except one binder of research, which is now in possession of the author. The author has traveled to the Atlantic County Historical Society twice to review Vernon’s records. It is important to note that not all of Vernon’s notes are correct. Vernon jotted down memories of when he visited his maternal great-grandmother, Hannah Jeffries (nee Risley), but he never knew her maiden name. He thought her maiden name was Walters, but that was Hannah’s sister Amelia’s married last name. He never knew she was a “Risley.” Another mistake that Vernon did not know was that Alice Higby/Higbee Mathis/Mathews (nee Andrews) was the daughter of Mordecai Andrews. Vernon thought she was the daughter of Edward Andrews, who was Mordecai’s brother. Vernon did not have access to Mordecai’s will, and the will proves that Alice is the daughter of Mordecai. There are several other mistakes in Vernon’s files, but overall, he did an

¹⁹⁰ The letter written by Ronald is in the Vernon Headley Family Records, Atlantic County Historical Society, Collection Box 12-A. The author has uploaded an image of the letter with Ronald’s binder; see “The Ronald Charles Headley Research Binder,” *Archive.org*.

¹⁹¹ Vernon Irving Headley, headstone, Atlantic City Cemetery, Pleasantville, Atlantic County, New Jersey, digital image s.v. “Vernon Irving Headley,” *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/192781496/vernon-irving-headley> : accessed 11 MAR 2022).

impeccable job researching in the days before the internet, when not as many records were readily available, as they are now.

Vernon and Harriet “Hattie” Headley (nee Dito) had issue:

157. Marjorie Joan Headley, b: 19 DEC 1932, d: 10 MAR 2006. Marjorie married twice.

158. Richard Headley, baby died young in 1933.

159. Kathryn Ann Headley, b: 3 OCT 1936, d: 1 FEB 2007, m: Edgar Watson Worrell, the 3rd, had issue.

144. Helen Marie Headley, daughter of Elvern Bacon Headley and Ella Headley (nee Jeffries), was born 17 APR 1908, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, per birth certificate.¹⁹² Helen had black hair and dark eyes. She grew up in Atlantic City, and her family lived above her father’s grocery store called “E. B. Headley Groceries.” Helen married Edward Seitz on 22 JUL 1927, in Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, with Reverend C. D. Sinkinson officiating, per marriage license.¹⁹³ At the time of their marriage, Helen was 19, and Ed was 21. Helen and Ed are the author’s grandparents. Edward was the son of William Carl Seitz, Sr., and Julia Seitz (nee Peringer). Edward’s father was a Swabian German, born 26 JUN 1873, in Beutelsbach, Germany, the son of Johann Georg Seitz and Louisa Seitz (nee Weinschenk), and he immigrated to America from Germany in 1899.¹⁹⁴ Edward’s father was the only member of his family to come to America. Edward’s mother was a German born in Lokut, Hungary, the daughter of Josef and Cecelia Peringer (nee Szuntheimer), per documentation in possession of the author. Edward’s mother was the only member of her family to settle in Pennsylvania; everyone else settled in Connecticut. The author’s Aunt Dottie was in contact with some of the Peringer side of the family that came to Connecticut, many years ago. Edward Seitz was born 23 FEB 1906, at home, 1847 Marston Street, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, per birth certificate.¹⁹⁵ After marriage, Ed and Helen removed to Philadelphia. There they lived at 5650 Malcolm Street. In 1949, they removed to Folcroft, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Ed worked for the railroad for 49 years until his retirement. Helen and Ed were both very social, members of many clubs, and participated in many charitable events. Ed was a 32nd Degree Master Mason, and Helen was a Royal Matron of the Supreme Council of the Order of the Amaranth, and a member of the Vernon Memorial Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Helen enjoyed crafting many items for church and charitable events. Helen died 18 MAY 1979, Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, New Jersey, per death certificate.¹⁹⁶ Edward died 20 JUN 1980, Woodbury, Gloucester County, New Jersey, per death certificate.¹⁹⁷ Helen and Ed are buried in Edgewood

¹⁹² Helen Headley, birth certificate, 17 APR 1908, New Jersey State Archives, copy in possession of the author. The birth certificates states Helen was the daughter of “Elvern Headley and Ella Jeffries.”

¹⁹³ Edward Seitz and Helen Marie Headley, marriage certificate, 22 JUL 1927, City of Atlantic City, Office of Registrar of Vital Statistics, copy in possession of the author.

¹⁹⁴ All per documentation in possession of the author, including correspondence between William and his brother, which states they were Swabian. The correspondence is written in German, and the author has translated/transcribed it, and uploaded images here: “Seitz Family German Letters and German Civilian Life in Post-WW1 Germany,” by Carla Welsh, *Archive.org* (<https://archive.org/details/seitz-german-letters-and-german-civilian-life> : accessed 11 MAR 2022).

¹⁹⁵ “Pennsylvania, U.S., Birth Certificates, 1906-1913,” digital image s.v. “Edward Seitz,” *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60484/images/42411_1521003239_0922-01317 : accessed 11 MAR 2022).

¹⁹⁶ Helen Seitz (nee Headley), death certificate, 18 MAY 1979, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Health and Vital Statistics, copy in possession of the author.

¹⁹⁷ Edward Seitz, death certificate, 20 JUN 1980, Office of the Registrar of Vital Statistics, Woodbury, New Jersey, copy in possession of the author.

Memorial Park, Glen Mills, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.¹⁹⁸ They share a headstone, and it is engraved, "SEITZ. Edward 1906-1980. Helen M. 1908-1979. Together Forever." The headstone has Masonic symbols on it.

Edward and Helen Seitz (nee Headley) had issue:

160. Edward Seitz, Jr., b: 13 FEB 1928, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, d: circa 2015, age 86 years old. Ed was married 3 times. He had 4 sons altogether. Ed was handsome, popular, and had dark hair and eyes. He was tall, at 5 feet 11 inches. He was a star football player at West Philadelphia High School. Ed joined the Navy, and later, he joined the Marines. He served during the Korean War, and his nickname was "Mad Dog Seitz." Ed was good at working on wires, cars, and motorcycles. During his service in the Marines, his job was to run out the wires to the men in the front lines, so they would have communication with their commanders back at base. Ed was one of the few men to survive this task. After the war, Ed worked as an electrician. On October 30th, 1985, Ed was hired to work on wires on the outside of the Springfield Mall in Springfield, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. He saw what he thought to be a man with a gun, dressed in army fatigues, get out of a car, but the man was actually a troubled woman named Sylvia Seegrist, who was suffering from a psychotic episode, after being unable to get the mental healthcare help she so desperately needed. Ed was the first person Sylvia shot at that day, but she missed. Ed quickly sprang into action, and he ran to her car and slashed her tires, so she wouldn't be able to get away. Tragically, Sylvia killed and injured several people at the mall that day, and it could have been prevented, if better mental healthcare help existed, which is a huge issue in America, still to this day. Perhaps, Ed's military experience allowed him to react so quickly, during such a tragic event.

161. Robert "Bobby" William Seitz, b: 24 FEB 1935, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, d: 2 AUG 2021, age 86 years old, in Galloway, Atlantic County, New Jersey, m: Marion Forte, no issue. Bob was very tall and had dark hair and eyes. Bob and Marion were both schoolteachers. Bob worked in the Philadelphia School District for over 40 years. He also audited history courses at Rutgers University Camden Campus. Bob and Marion lived in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Bob and Marion are buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Yeadon, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.¹⁹⁹

162. William "Bill" Vernell Seitz, b: 9 AUG 1937, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, d: 10 DEC 2015, Upland, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Bill was married twice. With his first wife, he had two daughters. With his second wife, he had one daughter and one son. Bill was a tall, handsome man, with blue eyes and brown hair. He had the type of personality that could really lighten up a room. He was a star basketball player at Sharon Hill High School in Delaware County, Pennsylvania; the only sophomore to make the Varsity team. He could have gone to college on a full basketball scholarship, but he wanted to join the Marines. Bill was part of Operation Blue Bat, notable as being the first invasion into the Middle East during the Lebanese Crisis. After serving in the military, Bill worked for the railroad, but retired early in his 40s, due to developing Multiple Sclerosis.

163. Dorothy "Dottie" Helen Seitz, b: 9 FEB 1939, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, New Jersey, d: 25 SEP 1994, Camden, Camden County, New Jersey. Dottie was married twice. She had 2 daughters and 1 son with her first husband; no children with her second husband. She was a beautiful girl, tall, with black hair and eyes. As previously mentioned, the tall, dark hair and eyes gene, may be passed down through Alice Higby/Higbee Mathis/Mathews (nee Andrews), who was Dottie's 5th great-grandmother. Dottie won several beauty pageants. She was very eccentric and wanted to be a fashion designer. Just like her brother Bill, Dottie unfortunately developed Multiple Sclerosis. Sadly, she died from complications of it fairly young, at the age of 55. Of note, the part of Folcroft that the family lived in when Dottie and her brother Bill were young, and unbeknownst to them, was built on or near a toxic dump. The area was declared a Superfund Site by the Environmental Protection Agency, and went through an

¹⁹⁸ Helen Seitz (nee Headley), headstone, Edgewood Memorial Park, Glen Mills, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, digital image s.v. "Helen Marie Seitz," *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/164863259/helen-marie-seitz> : accessed 11 MAR 2022).

¹⁹⁹ Robert William Seitz, headstone, Holy Cross Cemetery, Yeadon, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, digital image s.v. "Robert William Seitz," *FindaGrave.com* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/230559230/robert-william-seitz> : accessed 11 MAR 2022).

extensive cleanup process, many years later. Many people in the neighborhood developed Multiple Sclerosis, known as "MS Clusters." The area is also heavily polluted from being within the I-95 corridor. It could be possible that the family has a genetic predisposition to developing Multiple Sclerosis, and being exposed to environmental toxins may partly be the reason why two siblings would develop such a disease, later in life, hypothetically speaking. Also of note, Dottie was very interested in the family's history. She accomplished a lot from her wheelchair. There is correspondence from Dottie to Vernon Headley in his files at the Atlantic County Historical Society, Collection Box 12-A. Dottie was Vernon's niece. The author recalls visiting Dottie, many years ago, as a young child, and remembers seeing some of her family history work. Unfortunately, after Dottie's death, her records were all thrown out. There was a rumor that her records were donated to a historical society in New Jersey, which the author went on a wild goose chase to find, and it involved many years of searching, but the rumor turned out to be false hope. After Dottie's brother Bob died (who is the author's uncle), some records she made copies of, along with original photos, were found amongst Bob's belongings, and are now in possession of the author. In short, never give up on researching your family's history, as records may pop up decades later, in the most unsuspecting of circumstances!

